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Argentina's Houseman for Hakoah?



**BIG
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Dinamo Zagreb of Yugoslavia is believed to have made an offer of \$50,000 for Marcon's Soccer striker Eddie Kneovic.
The offer came via an agent in Melbourne acting on behalf of Dinamo.
However, Marcon does not want to let Kneovic go. Club president Tony Labazzetta said Kneovic was returning to top form and the club needs him.

Sydney City Hakoah has offered Rene Houseman of Argentina the richest contract yet offered by an Australian soccer club.

Hakoah secretary David Childs hopes Houseman, 28, and his brother Marcelo, 20, will arrive in time to help draw a club record gate against Sydney Olympic at Sydney Athletic Field on Sunday.

However, negotiations had not been finished as we went to Press, and Childs would not divulge details of the contract.

Rene Houseman played for Argentina in the 1974 World Cup finals in West Germany and in the team that won the Cup in 1978.

He scored three goals in the 1974 series (v. East Germany, Italy and Haiti) and one in the 1978 series (v. Peru).

Rene Houseman completed a contract with River Plate last month. According to the terms of the contract, no fee will be charged for his transfer.

Marcelo Houseman is a striker who played for the FAS club in Argentina. He was in the preliminary squad for the world youth championships which Argentina won in Japan in 1979.

Childs last spoke with Rene Houseman by phone on Monday morning. At that time, Childs says, Houseman had agreed to Hakoah's terms and expressed enthusiasm about coming to Australia.

Shortly afterwards Childs was to meet Immigration Department officials to arrange visas for the Housemans.

Asked why Houseman would pass up the big money available in the North America Soccer League in order to come to Australia, Childs said:

"Houseman has a friend in Sydney who knows me. That's how it came about.

"Sure he could earn big money in the States, but the contract we've offered is also substantial.

"What swayed him towards our club however, is that we've offered to look after the whole family.

"We'd bring out not only the two brothers, but also Rene's wife and two children, the wife of Marcelo and later their mother as well."

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Rene Houseman

Fiji now for Melbourne

Australia's World Cup match against Fiji on August 14 will be played in Melbourne instead of Brisbane.

And the Socceroo youth policy will not go into full effect until after New Zealand's game against Fiji on August 17.

For Australia's next match, against Fiji in Suva on July 26, the 16-man squad will include only five or six youth players.

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Taiwan wins 2-0

Taiwan beat Indonesia 2-0 in their World Cup Oceania qualifying match before 7,000 spectators at the Taipei Municipal Stadium on Sunday.

Taiwan's scorers were Duh Deng-Chyen and Lo Jyh-Tson.

Standings in the Oceania World Cup qualifying group:

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
New Zealand.....	5	2	0	18	3	12
Australia.....	2	1	1	8	7	6
Taiwan.....	1	2	3	7	4	4
Fiji.....	1	1	2	5	3	3
Indonesia.....	0	1	4	0	11	1

\$200 bonus for Vics

Victorian State players will get the highest wages yet paid by the VSF, for their match against Cruzeiro of Brazil at Olympic Park on Friday, July 31.

The VSF will pay \$200 for a win, \$150 for a draw and \$100 for a loss.

Players also will get \$10 expenses per training session. State coach Len McKendry will face a conflict of interests in the lead-in to the match.

As State coach he will rely heavily on the stars of Heidelberg but as Heidelberg coach he must be wary of possible injuries, as Heidelberg plays a league match two days later.

The Victorian squad is: Peter Laumets, Alan Davidson (Hellas), Jeff Oliver, John Yazendorn, Jim Tansey, Jim Campbell, Theo Selemidis, Jamie Paton, Gary Cole, Jim Rooney (Heidelberg), Steve Kokoska, Steve St... Ken Murphy, Carl Gilder (Croatia), John Gardiner (Ajax).

Sir Arthur denies NZ ban

By TED SIMMONS

ASF president, Sir Arthur George, does not expect FIFA to take any action against New Zealand over the controversial Springbok rugby tour.

Sir Arthur is also president of the Oceania Federation.

He was commenting on reports of mounting pressure for a world-wide sporting ban on New Zealand and the possibility that Australia could be invited to replace the Kiwis in the World Cup.

Said Sir Arthur: "FIFA has been consistent in these matters in the past, and if any nation refused to play New Zealand in Auckland, the match would be shifted to a neutral ground.

"If the nation still refused to play, then New Zealand would be awarded the points."

He claimed it was wrong to take the attitude at present that a ban would be imposed on New Zealand, particularly as the Kiwis are scheduled to meet representatives of Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and China at Kuala Lumpur on Saturday to discuss the Asian zone play-offs.

The chairman of New Zealand's World Cup committee, Charles Dempsey and World Cup coach John Adsheard are at present inspecting facilities in Saudi Arabia and will fly to Kuala Lumpur later this week.

Proposals for a round-robin tournament in Kuala Lumpur will be put to the meeting, but it is unlikely they will be accepted by the competing countries, which have indicated they prefer a home-and-away series.

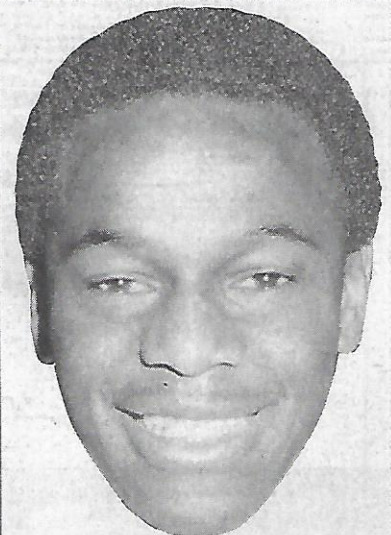
ASF secretary, Brian Le Fevre, said any problems over the Springbok tour were likely to be discussed at Saturday's meeting.

"If the situation did arise that New Zealand faced a ban, FIFA is more likely to allow the three remaining Asian nations to fight for the two places available in Spain," he said.

Mr Le Fevre added Australia was a defeated nation in the Oceania zone, and had no right to take part in the playoffs.

He said the fact that the zone matches were not scheduled until late September or early October was causing concern, because the rugby tour had been organised for next month.

However, most statements by African nations have been angled at a ban on the 1981 Commonwealth Games in Brisbane, if New Zealand is allowed to compete after playing host to the Springboks.



Justin Fashanu

'I didn't do it'—Fashanu

Heidelberg 1
Adel. City 2

By
Laurie Schwab

**MATCH RATING:
8**

Scorers, AC: Northcote 10th, J. Nyskohus pen. 49th; H'berg: Cole 51st.

Venue: Olympic Park.

Crowd: About 4000.

Referee: Bob Mee 8.

Cautions: Fashanu (AC),

Yzendoorn (H'berg). Sent

off: Fashanu (AC) 58th.

HEIDELBERG: Oliver 6 -

McMillan 6, Yzendoorn 7,

Provan 7, Tansey 6 (inj. sub

Monagle 65th) - Selemedis

9, Yankos 6 (Bozikes 54th),

Campbell 8, Rooney 8 -

Cole 6, Paton 8.

ADELAIDE CITY: Pray-

hyaki 5 - Russell 8, Jones

8, Perin 7, B. Nyskohus 8 -

Villani 9, Marochi 8, Mella

8, J. Nyskohus 7 - Fashanu

6 (sent off 58th), Northcote

7.

Justin Fashanu was sent

off the field and Jim Tansey

was carried off on a stretcher

and taken to hospital with a

leg injury as Adelaide City

beat Heidelberg 2-1 at

Olympic Park to go to the

top of the PSL ladder.

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UNDER 7 DIVISION 1

Maroubra A	5 0 1 28 4 11
Maccabi A	3 1 1 13 8 9
Randwick A	4 1 1 13 8 9
Sydney City A	3 1 1 15 8 9
Queens Park A	1 2 1 11 13 8
Kensington A	1 3 1 7 11 8
Brothers A	0 3 2 2 2 4
Kingsford A	0 3 1 9 16 3
Pagewood A	0 3 1 4 13 3

UNDER 7 DIVISION 2

Sydney City B	3 0 1 12 7 11
Maroubra B	3 1 1 10 8 9
Pagewood B	2 2 1 11 16 7
Randwick B	1 2 2 7 9 10
Brothers B	1 1 1 11 13 8
Kensington B	2 3 1 12 16 5
Randwick B	0 3 2 2 2 4
Queens Park B	0 3 2 5 11 2

UNDER 7 DIVISION 3

Maccabi D	3 0 2 17 3 10
GLSH	2 0 2 11 2 10
Queens Park C	2 1 1 13 4 9
Sydney City C	3 1 1 8 5 9
Maccabi C	2 2 0 17 8 9
Sydney City D	0 3 0 11 2
Kensington C	0 0 0 0 0 0
Maroubra C	0 0 0 18 8

UNDER 8 DIVISION 1

Maroubra A	5 0 2 28 0 12
Brothers A	4 1 1 13 8 9
Randwick A	4 1 1 13 8 9
Maccabi A	2 2 2 8 8 9
GLSH	0 2 3 2 10 3
Queens Park A	1 3 1 20 3
Transvaal	1 3 1 2 8 3
Sydney City A	0 4 0 10 2

UNDER 8 DIVISION 2

Sydney City B	5 0 2 21 1 12
GLSH	4 1 0 12 3 10
Sydney City B	3 1 2 11 2 8
Pagewood B	2 2 2 3 4 8
Queens Park B	2 1 2 5 4 8
Maroubra B	1 3 1 10 5 8
Brothers B	0 3 2 11 4
Sydney City C	0 3 2 12 4
Maccabi B	0 4 1 13 7
Dye	0 2 0 0 4 2

UNDER 9 DIVISION 1

Sydney City A	4 0 2 14 2 10
Queens Park A	2 0 4 5 2 8
Maccabi A	3 1 1 5 1 7
Maroubra A	2 1 3 3 2 7
Pagewood A	2 2 2 5 7 8
Randwick A	2 2 2 11 5 8
Sydney City B	0 3 0 11 2
Kensington A	0 5 0 22 0

UNDER 9 DIVISION 2

Maroubra B	5 0 1 9 1 11
Pagewood B	4 0 2 13 1 10
Sydney City B	4 1 1 12 4 9
Brothers B	3 2 1 10 3 7
GLSH	1 2 3 2 3 6
Maroubra B	2 4 0 4 12 4
GLSH	0 5 1 14 1
Queens Park B	0 5 1 14 1

UNDER 9 DIVISION 3

Sydney City A	3 0 1 17 0 11
Maroubra B	3 1 0 8 2 10
Kensington B	3 2 0 11 4 8
Brothers B	2 0 1 8 0 7
Maccabi B	0 3 0 14 8
Maroubra B	0 1 1 1 2 3
Sydney City D	0 4 1 0 25 3

UNDER 10 DIVISION 1

Sydney City A	4 1 1 14 7 9
Pagewood A	3 1 2 11 6 8
Kensington A	3 2 1 11 6 8
Maroubra A	2 2 2 11 5 7
Kingsford A	1 3 2 5 8 4
Sydney City A	0 4 2 9 22 2

UNDER 10 DIVISION 2

Randwick A	4 1 0 20 1 12
Kingsford A	4 1 0 10 5 10
Queens Park B	3 2 0 8 5 9
Brothers A	2 3 0 5 12 8
Pagewood B	2 3 0 11 6 8
Maccabi A	0 4 0 2 9 4
Maroubra B	1 4 0 2 11 2

UNDER 10 DIVISION 3

E-Sydney "M"	4 0 1 30 3 11
Mascot	4 0 2 10 5 10
Kensington B	2 2 0 4 4 8
St Saviour	3 2 1 10 10 7
Sydney City B	3 1 1 11 4 7
Maroubra C	4 1 1 10 3
Randwick B	0 4 0 24 7 3
Queens Park C	0 4 0 13 0 9

UNDER 11 DIVISION 1

Pagewood A	4 1 0 9 2 10
Kingsford A	2 1 1 11 5 8
Sydney City A	3 1 1 11 5 8
Transvaal	0 5 0 3 10 2
Queens Park C	0 1 0 2 0 2

UNDER 11 DIVISION 2

Maroubra	0 0 0 15 2 12
Brothers A	4 1 0 23 10
Sydney City B	3 1 0 13 2 8
Queens Park B	1 1 1 1 7 3
Mascot	2 1 0 9 0 6
Maccabi	1 2 1 2 4 5
Randwick	1 3 1 4 5 5
St Saviour	0 1 1 1 3 2
Sydney City C	0 5 0 14 2

UNDER 12 DIVISION 1

Pagewood A	5 0 10 13 0 12
Kingsford A	4 2 0 21 8 8

UNDER 12 DIVISION 2

Sydney City	2 3 1 12 20 8 7
St Saviour	1 4 1 7 21 3
Kingsford B	0 4 1 3 10 1
Queens Park	5 0 0 24 5 12
South American	5 1 0 31 10
Maroubra A	4 2 0 24 4 8
Queens Park	2 2 2 14 16 8
Brothers A	1 3 2 11 12 4
Maroubra B	1 4 1 24 3
Pagewood C	1 3 1 13 3
Kingsford C	0 0 0 33 2

UNDER 13 DIVISION 1

Kingsford A	4 1 0 16 4 10
Pagewood	4 1 0 30 2 10
Kensington	3 1 1 22 3 9
St Saviour	3 1 1 16 5 8
Queens Park	1 2 1 12 4
Kingsford B	0 4 1 37 3
Maroubra	0 4 2 23 0 2

UNDER 14 DIVISION 1

Maroubra	3 0 1 10 2 11
Pagewood	4 1 0 24 1 10
Queens Park BIA	3 1 1 23 5 8
St Saviour	2 2 1 8 12 7
Mascot	2 3 0 16 8 8
Queens Park WHI	1 4 1 29 3
Maccabi	0 4 0 22 2
Transvaal	0 0 0 0 0 0

UNDER 15 DIVISION 1

Pagewood	4 1 0 24 16 10
Queens Park	4 0 0 31 2
Spanish A	0 1 0 2 3 0
Kingsford	0 0 0 32 4
Spanish (WITHIN)	2 1 0 0 4 4
St Saviour	0 4 0 41 2

BIG SHOTS BRING SUCCESS

Docherty the butt of petty jealousy

Big soccer is big business and big business is done by big men. Gino Merlo is an example of what a strong leader means in terms of club success.

Merlo has been the driving force behind Brisbane City's development these past few years. Now, with a million-dollar grandstand and other facilities at their magnificent Spencer Park ground, the players suddenly feel bigger and better and more important and this new confidence is being reflected in match results.

At the time of writing, Brisbane City was fourth in the league and, judging from the good crowd that watched the 4-0 hammering of Marconi, the fans are coming back.

This is basically the same as the 1980 squad — only Jimmy Dunne and Paul Wilkinson have been added — but the strength of Merlo and the reality of his achievements have stiffened their backbone.

Real Madrid is based on the early leadership of Bernabeu, Inter Milan of Moratti, Juventus on the Agnelli family of Fiat fame. Look at what happened to Heidelberg after strong man Jim Mangopoulos stepped down from the presidency.

And at South Melbourne Hellas, what Sam Papasavas says goes. You can jump in the lake or stand on your head, no matter. If Sam doesn't like something, it won't be done.

Big men represent the solution to many of our problems. Much of our future lies in their hands. They are big men because they are not afraid to take big steps into adventurous directions. They have the courage to make decisions and to spend money.

There is a big difference between such leadership and the middle ideas of groups of smaller people who hum and hah and even oppose the ideas of the leaders.

Sydney City Hakoah is led by Frank Lowy and Andrew Lederer — also strong men, born leaders, and good businessmen with the strength to make their own decisions.

It is no accident that the clubs with the strong men at the top — Sydney City, Hellas, Brisbane City — are doing well in the league.

Much was said against Tommy Docherty during his reign at Sydney Olympic, and most of it was the product of petty jealousy.

He was criticised by many for leaving Olympic mid-way through his contract, to take up the more lucrative position at Preston North End.

I agree that one shouldn't leave a club during the season, but on the other hand, Tommy Docherty always was a straight shooter who made no bones about his ambitions and who never pretended that he was going to make Australia his home.

Tommy and I were and will remain very good friends. He shared his great knowledge with all of us very unselfishly, during discussions lasting hours and hours.

He showed how valuable a true soccer authority can be to the game in this country. Just look at how much exposure he gained through TV and the newspapers — all of which served to spread the gospel.

Many officials didn't like it. They were perhaps jealous of the attention lavished on him.

There was no denying however, that he warranted it, for he had the achievements, the knowledge and the reputation to back him up.

But the soccer scene in Australia could never have held his attention. He told me once that on a Sunday after Manchester United had won the previous day, up to 10,000 people would visit Old Trafford, "just to smell the atmosphere". After all that, one would find it hard to get excited in our scene.

He was with the right club — Sydney Olympic — because Greeks like and respect big personalities and they fear authority. Docherty is exactly what Olympic needed in its first year back in the PSL.

Olympic will feel his absence, so will soccer in general. He was an ornament to our game and I wish him all the success possible.

By telling the Press in England that he is interested in signing some Australian players, he has done us yet another service. Whether he signs them or not, he is paying them an enormous compliment and he is encouraging them to play even better.

That was always his aim at Olympic — build up their confidence, encourage them to have a go! Under him, Jim Ziros, Peter Katholos, Graham Jennings, Mark Koussas and Peter Wilson played the best soccer of their young lives.

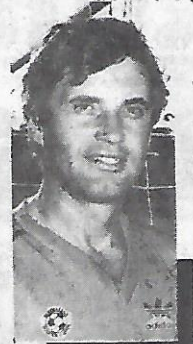
From Tommy Docherty I learned much about the nature of friendship because that, to Docherty, is what sport is all about — friendship.

NASL points the way

In light of the talk about possible regionalisation of the Philips League, we thought "Soccer Action" readers would be interested in the way the North American Soccer League is regionalised.

The map (left) tells the story.

At the end of the regular season, 15 clubs advance to the national play-offs — the five divisional champions and runners-up and the five teams with the next-best record, regardless of division.



RALE RASIC

The VSF denies Vest-ed interest

The Victorian Soccer Federation denies there is any ulterior motive behind its decision to readvertise its Director of Coaching position.

There were suggestions that readvertising took place because Alan Vest came onto the market — and more recently, Tim White the Victorian who was sacked by Townsville.

According to VSF officials, however, they felt simply that the position had not been advertised widely enough.

Initially, applications closed on May 15.

The new advertisement gives applicants until July 25 to respond.

There had been eight applications by the end of last week, but not even the earliest ones had been considered by the VSF board of management.

The successful applicant will start work probably in September.

However, the job is unlikely to entail responsibility for the Victorian State team.

That probably will be left under the control of Len McKendry, the former State coaching director who's now back at Heidelberg.

LAURIE SCHWAB.

MARCONI TO LOSE \$20,000?

Marconi's poor form will cost the club dearly.

Under the terms of Datsun's \$250,000 three-year sponsorship of the club, Marconi must meet certain targets in the championship race.

If Marconi fails to reach the top four this year, it will lose \$20,000 of Datsun's sponsorship money.

So it's little wonder that the Marconi leaders are taking some drastic steps.

Jim Muir and Ivo Prskalo have been put on the transfer list and others could follow.



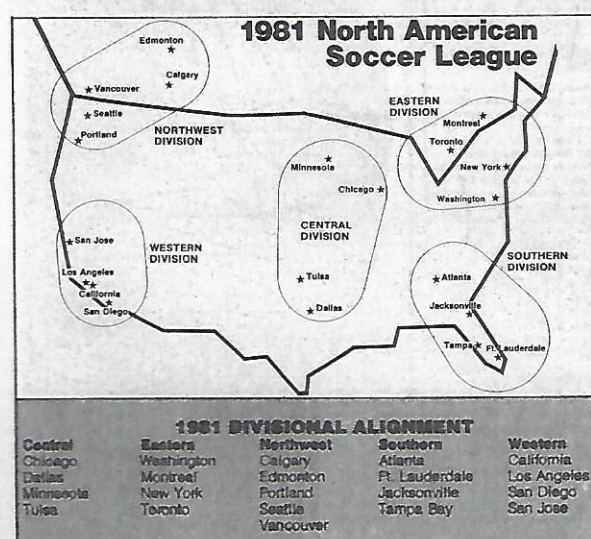
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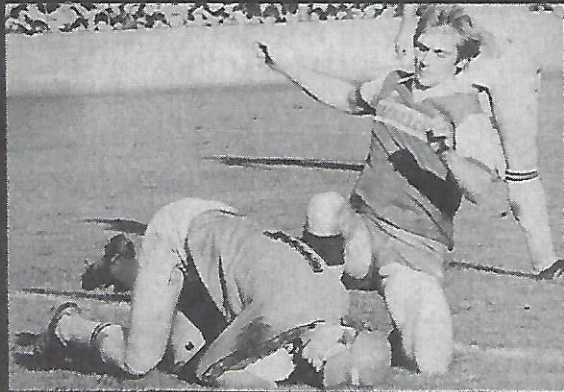
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HELLAS FOR THE TITLE SAYS EVANS



South Melbourne Hellas captain Alan Evans makes a desperate bid to dispossess Heidelberg keeper Jeff Oliver.

South Melbourne Hellas' 2-1 victory over Footscray J.U.S.T. at Middle Park recently was its first win in seven weeks. There was a loss to Sydney City Hakoah during that period and five draws.

Hellas's form wasn't exactly poor, but it wasn't generally as high as one would expect from a team aiming to win the championship. Yet during that period, the other championship contenders cut each other's throats, leaving Hellas perched, precariously perhaps, on top of the ladder.

Captain Alan Evans concedes that luck has been with Hellas, but he sees no cause for pessimism and remains confident that Hellas will win the championship.

By LAURIE SCHWAB

"Maybe we haven't been scoring many goals, but we've been playing well in defence and you've got to base your game on that and you've got to be consistent. "Sure it would be nice to play as flamboyantly as Sydney Olympic - I'd like to play that way - but it doesn't always work, and it does leave you open at the back."

"We hadn't been playing particularly well before the J.U.S.T. game but in that first half against them we did very well. That's the standard we should set ourselves. Unfortunately, we dropped back after half time. It was a little windy, and J.U.S.T. played a bit better than they had in the first half. However, we should have knocked them out of sight in the first half."

Asked whether the shortage of goals has been the result of a cautious approach in midfield, Evans says: "In different games, we play in different ways. For example, if the other team has a particularly good midfielder, we mark him man to man. John Stevenson's had marking jobs. Billy Rogers as well, and Jim Shirra has been told to pick up deep and knock the ball long from there."

"However, John Margaris has told us in the past few weeks to make every effort to get up there, as well as doing our defensive work. It's a bit difficult sometimes to do everything, though. Sometimes you just have to hold your ground a bit."

"And we've been unsettled in the midfield because of injuries."

The return of George Campbell has helped us. He's the type of player who's expected to get up

forward and so is George Christopoulos.

"Campbell has given our play a bit more variety, if you like. He holds the ball well, he takes men on, and he crosses well. One of the goals against J.U.S.T. came from his cross."

Evans does concede that Hellas tends to get over-cautious against arch-enemy Heidelberg. "They're not good games for the crowd," he says. "I can't remember one that I've enjoyed. Those games tend to get bottled up. Heidelberg is to blame too, I suppose, because they always slow it right down."

"It would be nice to play all-out attack every week," he says, "but that can't always work."

"The one thing that is nice this year is that every week, everyone in the team is having a go. Some weeks it might not come off but at least you feel that every player is putting in the effort and you can't knock people if they're trying their hardest."

"If we maintain that kind of consistency, we'll win the championship, no risk." Evans says that fellow striker Steve Wooddin from New Zealand already has made an enormous difference to the Hellas team.

"Refrain, the lads probably were a bit conscious of knocking every ball to me all of the time but now they've got a choice of me or Steve. He's got exceptional ball control, he can hold the ball up front and he's a big lad of course."

"We're finding each other well. He's looking for balls from me that no-one else looked for before, so when I try something, it's nice to see someone chasing it. He'll be a great asset and he's settling in fine with the lads."

But with so many players in the squad - 16 at last count - isn't there the danger of excessive bit-ching, and resultant discontent in the camp? Evans doesn't think so.

"The spirit's great. It's getting more like a professional club in England and you've got to give John Margaris credit there. He's instilled a lot more discipline. In certain instances he showed some players that he means business and there's no messing about. It's a really well-run club."

"Of course you're bound to get some bit-ching from those not in the team. That's only natural, but in general, they accept it when they're asked to sit on the bench. Before, however, some would just walk out if they weren't in the team."

Evans, 30, whose hard work in attack has made him one of the leaders in the "Soccer Action" JAT Player of the Year award, sees Sydney Hakoah as Hellas's main challenger for the title.

"It just depends on which of the two teams is more consistent," he says.

"I also like Adelaide City, but Sydney City is a bit better. When they beat us 3-1, we didn't play well at all, but on the other hand, it was us who gave them their goals. In fact, most of the goals scored against us this year have been the result of mistakes by individuals. Rarely does another team actually outplay us."

Evans's contract expires at the end of this year. He's been in Australia for three years now, he has permanent residency status and he likes it here, so he hopes to stay with Hellas.

"But you never know in soccer," he says. "It's a cut-throat business. Look at Ivo Prskalo and Jim Muir of Marconi - internationals yesterday, on the transfer list today. It might happen to me."

Baartz makes KB bubble once more

Ray Baartz has made the most meteoric rise recorded in Australian soccer. He has jumped from coaching under-7s to take over as caretaker coach of PSL club Newcastle KB United!

But his coaching association with KB could end soon. The club will advertise possibly this week for a permanent manager-coach.

KB arrested a five game losing streak earlier this season by beating Heidelberg United 2-1 at Olympic Park. Two days later manager-coach Alan Vest was sacked and Baartz took over, coming to the aid of his home town club and reaffirming his loyalty as a founder member of KB and a member of the club's board of directors for the first 18 months of KB's PSL life.

The name Baartz is synonymous with club and national team success in Australian soccer.

He played under national team coach Joe Vlasits, a father figure in the annals of Australian soccer coaching, and later under Rale Rasic, the man who led Australia into its historic World Cup campaign which ended in glory in West Germany in 1974, the only occasion on which Australia has played in the World Cup Finals.

Many people argue whether the Vlasits side which narrowly failed to qualify for the Mexico World Cup Finals in 1970 was better than the Rasic outfit. Baartz was a member of both sides. He has definite opinions about the merits of both.

"The 1969 side was grossly under-prepared. We still played for the love of the game and the honour of wearing the green and gold. The professional outlook of today was missing. But with players like Billy Vojtek, Attila Abonyi and Alan Westwater we were individually more skilful than the 1974 side."

"But under Rale Rasic we were a better balanced side and better prepared," said Baartz.

What would have been the highlight of Baartz's career was viciously denied him.

By Craig Mackenzie

Previously he had been one of a number of players who formed the nucleus of Rasic's national team. Baartz's lethal shooting ability was his hallmark. Even today he is remembered as having the most powerful shot in Australian soccer.

Baartz was lucky to survive the karate-type blow which ended his career. He recalls the incident.

"Uruguay came here in 1974 for two games, one in Melbourne and another in Sydney. I think the Uruguayans expected to have two easy games but we gave them a good game in Melbourne and drew 0-0. That match became spiteful. Two days later in Sydney, Uruguay carried on from where it left off in Melbourne.

"The tackling was really bad. The Uruguayans didn't just go for the man. They wanted to maim the man."

"I scored from about 20 yards out then just before half time I played the ball forward and a Uruguayan came across me and hit me across the throat. I felt like I was choking and I had a bad headache at half time. Our team doctor Brian Corrigan gave me some tablets and I went out for the second half."

"About 10 minutes from the end I was punched on the chin and the Uruguayan who hit me was sent off. For two weeks after that match I suffered from paralysis. It was a delayed reaction thing."

"Most people thought that it was the blow in the second half which had done the damage but it was the first half chop which did it. One of my major arteries was blocked, cutting off the supply of blood to my brain. The doctor told me that it was like an older person suffering a stroke. He told me that I was lucky to be alive."

Baartz returned to his native Newcastle and set up a business. Then talk started in 1977 about Newcastle forming a side for inclusion in the 1978 PSL.

Baartz became a founder member of the new club and served on the board of directors. By his own admission he wasn't cut out to be an administrator. He left. Then his son started playing, Baartz

became coach of an under-7 side before the Vest saga rocked Newcastle and he was asked to help out.

"The players were confused when I took over," said Baartz.

"Alan Vest had gone and they didn't know what Frank Campbell (the assistant coach) was doing. Later Frank left too. Plus morale was low after five losses."

"It was hard to win the players' confidence at first. But I told them that I believed in them. I said that they could do the job and that I wouldn't sign anyone. They've confirmed my belief in them in recent weeks."

"We've changed our style of play. Rather than play a percentage game we build it up from the back. We push players forward from the back and midfield. We play simple soccer. We support each other well."

"I believe that you get the best out of your players when they're enjoying their game. Our guest player Mike Channon has the same outlook on the game as I have. He endorses what I say and his presence on and off the field has made my job so much easier. I think the effect he has had on the players will continue after he returns to Southampton."

Baartz is planning a youth development program for the local area. He is disappointed that Newcastle hasn't developed kids the way he feels the club should have.

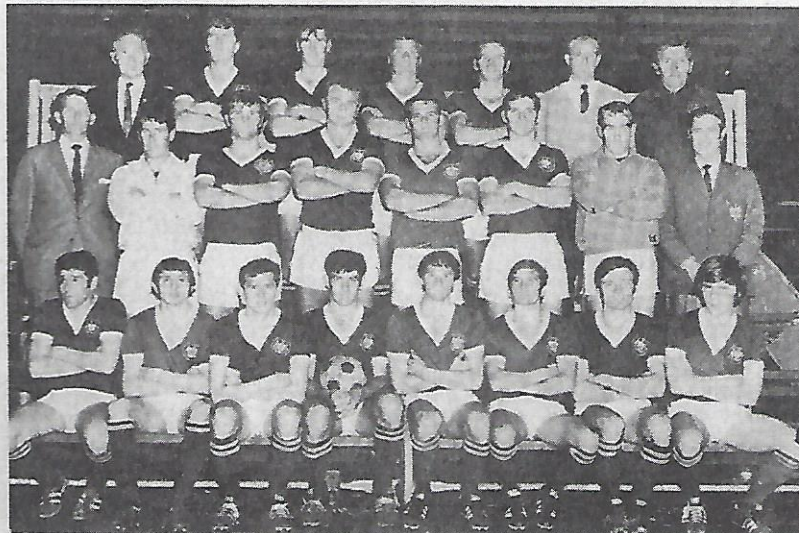
"The aim of the development program will be to weed out the better kids in the local area and give them the chance to succeed. But like most clubs in Australia, some of our local clubs are more interested in their own future rather than the future of their kids. Just recently I approached a local club and asked for one of its youngsters for Newcastle's youth team. The club asked for \$3,000 for the boy!"

Baartz's love of KB won't wane when he no longer coaches the first team.

He always has supported KB. But if the new manager-coach doesn't do well the KB directors know to where they can turn.

Baartz always gives it his best shot. He's been like that for years, whether he's been wearing the green and gold, administering a PSL club, coaching juniors or seniors.

It's just the type of man Ray Baartz is.



Ray Baartz (middle row, third from right), with the 1969 Australian squad. From left, top row: Les Bordacs (official), Alan Marnoch, John Watkiss, Stan Ackerley, George Keith, Tom Patrick (official), Joe Vlasits (coach). Middle row: Dr. Brian Corrigan (team doctor), Ron Corr, Gary Manuel, David Zoman, Gary Wilkins, Ray Baartz, Jim Fraser, Brian le Fevre (ASF secretary). Front row: John Perin, Billy Vojtek, Attila Abonyi, Johnny Warren, Willie Rutherford, Danny Walsh, Joe Alagic, Tommy McColl.

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Essendon Croatia player-coach Paddy Bannon and Hakoah midfielder Graham French are the leading contenders for Ametco Travel's State League Player of the Year at the halfway mark of the season.

Using the votes for Ametco Travel's award we have compiled a State League side from the highest votegetters.

The team is in 4-3-3 formation and shows the three leading votegetters for each of the 11 positions in our side.

Sunshine, with five players, has the largest representation.

Here is our all-star line-up:

GOALKEEPERS
DAVE GILBERT (Frankston)
Les Fern (Ringwood)
Lou Ivanoff (Doveton)

RIGHT BACKS
PETER THURLOW (Doveton)
Mike Dixey (Sunshine)
Don Pasman (Ringwood)

SWEEPERS
PADDY BANNON (Croatia)
Billy Wilkinson (George Cross)
John Gardiner (Ajax)

STOPPERS
STUART CANNELL (Ajax)
Steve Ellis (Sunshine)
Alex Nelson (Northcote)

LEFT BACKS
HARRY MCKINLAY (George Cross)
Alex McConville (Doveton)
Dennis Morovic (Sunshine)

RIGHT MIDFIELD
GED BANNON (George Cross)
George Bozikis (Northcote)

CENTRE MIDFIELD
GRAHAM FRENCH (Hakoah)
Chris Taylor (Sunshine)
David Brooks (Ringwood)

LEFT MIDFIELD
TONY HEERY (Juventus)
Carl Holford (Frankston)
Mirko Rujevic (Northcote)

RIGHT FORWARD
CHARLIE EGAN (Frankston)
Noel Mitten (Croatia)
John Mudrinic (Sunshine)

CENTRE FORWARD
GUS McLEOD (Ajax)
Steve Irvine (Doveton)
Dave Brogan (Croatia)

LEFT FORWARD
IAN LOUGHNANE (Croydon)
Bill Morrey (Ajax)
Ken Murphy (Croatia)



Graham French (Hakoah)



Stuart Cannell (Ajax)



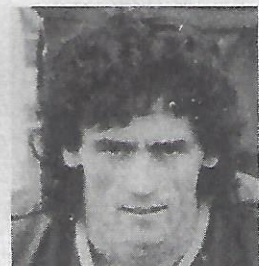
Ged Bannon (right) of George Cross, with Hakoah's Bill Jordanou in pursuit.



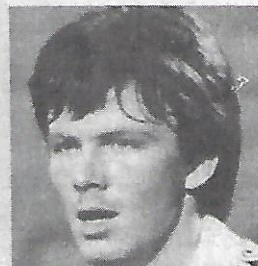
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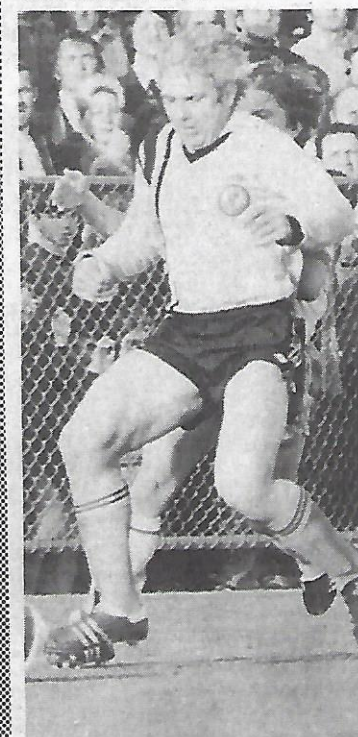
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Top goalkeeper Dave Gilbert of Frankston saves a shot by Macedonia's Jeff Faulkner.



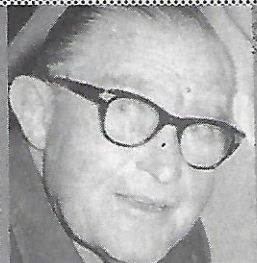
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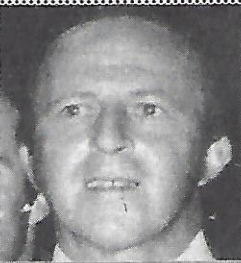
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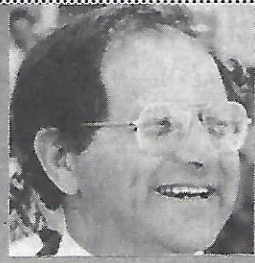
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Board to shelve bigger league

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

John Borg's absence played a crucial role in last week's Victorian State League Management Committee decision to increase the 1992 league to 16 teams.

Borg, the George Cross delegate, was ill. I have no doubts that his presence would have looked the historic vote at 6-6, requiring chairman Vito Cilureo either to abstain or cast the deciding vote.

I also believe however that the decision, which requires ratification from the VSF Board of Management, will be shelved.

At the time we went to Press we were unable to cover the Board of Management meeting held last night (Tuesday).

To be put into effect, the State League Management Committee's recommendation to increase the league by four teams, it must be passed through the senior body - the VSF Board of Management.

Last week's State League meeting was heated.

The vote to increase the league was carried 6-3. The motion was put forward by Ringwood-Wilhelmina president John van Hoboken and seconded by Frankston chairman John Barclay. It was not debated, a point which angered the five delegates who voted against the motion.

All felt that a motion with such enormous implications for the future of Victorian soccer should have been debated at great length.

More importantly, they believed that the van Hoboken proposal which preceded the motion and is transcribed on this page, should have been handed out to all delegates before the meeting to allow them time to peruse and analyse the proposal in full.

If you look at the transcript you'll note that it ends in the following fashion:

"I submit these proposals in rough draft for you to consider before the next S.L.M.C. Meeting. Please give me a ring."

I believe that this document was handed out to the 11 delegates on the night of the meeting rather than posted to everyone concerned to give them time to judge the proposal.

Under the van Hoboken motion the four new positions in a restructured State League were left open to invitation.

This was intended to accommodate any change in the structure of the PSL which could result in the realignment of the four Melbourne-based clubs in the State League - South Melbourne, Heidelberg, Alexander, Footscray J.U.S.T. and Preston Macedonia.

The move to make room to accommodate these four PSL clubs came mainly from the five clubs which voted against van Hoboken's motion. These delegates wanted to shelve the motion until they knew more about the possible restructuring of the PSL.

Wilhelmina and Frankston were supported by the delegates from Sunshine, Doveton, Altona and Oroydon.

With the exception of Wilhelmina the other clubs in that voting block are best categorised as the "British contingent."

The European contingent voted against the motion - Croatia, Ajax, Juventus, Hakoah and Northcote.

Borg had been ill for a couple of days before the meeting. He was incensed that the motion was carried in his absence.

"My belief is that the meeting was to be a workshop to continue discussion of the possible restructuring of the State League," said Borg.

"I sent my apology to VSF secretary George Wallace. My illness made it impossible for me to attend."

"I certainly would not have gone along with all the proposals."

"I agree with increasing the State League but not to 16 teams and not on the basis of inclusion of Metro teams. I'd like to see strong country clubs introduced."

"But when it came to the crunch I might have had to put my beliefs aside and voted with the common interest."

"But I'm really boiling about the whole affair. It was a carefully designed manoeuvre on the night, once certain people realised they had the numbers to push the motion through."

"That used to be the way things were run in the past, then it changed. It only has been in the past year that the numbers game has come back into vogue."

During the meeting chairman Cilureo reportedly suggested to the delegates that the

matter be shelved until the format of the PSL was known.

VSF chairman and ASF vice-president Michael Weinstein was called into the discussion to address the delegates concerning clarification of the PSL situation.

I believe that Weinstein told the meeting that it should wait to see what happens to the PSL and that there was no need to rush things.

Significantly, Weinstein is chairman of the Board of Management, Cilureo is deputy chairman, Borg is treasurer and Frank Burin from Croatia and Ajax's Arnold Langer are board members.

I believe that their votes and lobbying ability will sway the Board of Management to defer voting on the State League Management Committee's recommendation for a 16-team State League in 1992.

The issue is complex. A multitude of economic factors have to be taken into account.

The van Hoboken proposal calls for an increase of the league from 12 to 16 teams which means an extended league program from 22 to 30 games.

That imposes an added financial burden on clubs. The clubs hit hardest will be those with the highest player payments, notably Croatia and Ajax.

"Clubs with good social club facilities think they will benefit from extra games," said Croatia manager Burin.

"My club won't benefit. With only four more home games we'll be lucky to cover the cost of players' wages and coaching fees for the extra eight games in all."

It could cost us about \$3000 more overall.

PROPOSAL FOR CHANGES IN THE STATE-LEAGUE SET-UP

The present League of 12 clubs is a left-over from the time that soccer had to be played mainly on grounds which were used for cricket during the months of September to April.

Though we have tried to lengthen the season by organising the Ampol Cup and playing the quarter, semi-finals and finals of the Dockerty Cup at the end of the season and also by playing the final four Cup games, Clubs which are not fortunate enough to play in these finals still finish the season about the 21st of September.

Players then have to wait until early February to play, sometimes in steaming heat, their first competition game.

The strong clubs which are fortunate to play in the finals of the Dockerty Cup and final four Cup may continue until half way in November.

Many supporters prefer to go to the beach in the hot summer weather and don't see their club play until the first week of April, a break of 5 1/2 months.

Certainly not a good way to keep supporters interested.

Whatever the case may be, supporters are mainly interested in premiership games and this is what we have to give them for a longer period than we do now to bring them back or to create new supporters.

It is also important that each club and all players receive an even chance to build up their teams and ability. Clubs should, as much as possible, be of equal strength.

It is also important that the chances of winning the premiership or being relegated remain alive as long as possible during the season.

The answer to it all is:-

A. To form a State League of 16 clubs with the premier season to run over a period of 34 back to a split round with half the games played on Saturday and the other half on Sunday.

B. The Ampol Cup games to be played in four groups of four which require a total of 36 games to decide the semi-finalists. These 36 games to be played on 18 Wednesday nights at Olympic Park and the finals also on Wednesday nights.

C. The two rounds of the Dockerty Cup to be played during a long weekend but the quarter finals, semi-finals and finals also to be played on Wednesday nights.

This would give in total 24 Wednesday nights of soccer spread over a period of 36 weeks. These games, in my opinion, will be popular with supporters and players in the various lower Leagues.

I suggest that these games are played early and late in the season only, as otherwise Olympic Park may have too much use during the wet season.

The 30 games divided over 34 weekends will leave sufficient room for international or interstate games and possibly a weekend rest to catch up with the postponed games.

How to increase the League to 16 Clubs.

In my opinion the four additional clubs should be admitted at the discretion of the State League Management Committee with preference to be given to:-

A. Clubs with their own ground and first class facilities.

B. Clubs in country areas with proper support and financially strong.

Will we play on Saturdays or Sundays?

Whether we decide on a 12, 14, or 16-club State League, I am very much in favour of going back to a split round with half the games played on Saturday and the other half on Sunday.

Whoever moved to change this system certainly did the State League a lot of harm.

I think that most of you are looking on a Saturday which game to go to when your club plays on Sunday and vice versa. I meet most of our keen supporters at Metropolitan games in our area on Saturdays.

Further proposals to improve the State League

Reinstate and adopt ethnic names as soon as possible; 30% of the Australian population is ethnic or born out of ethnic parents. We are losing these to Australian Rules football. We will never get them back.

Grounds

Reinstate the old VASFA rule that clubs in State League must have their own ground and sharing is limited to Olympic Park and Middle Park.

How to control transfer of players and payment to players.

Change the transfer and registration rules.

A. Transfer season to open on the 1st of November and to close on the 15th February, after which date clubs are allowed to place players on the transfer list, but players are committed to play full season if the club so requires.

B. Players who refuse to train or play or break their contract should be suspended until the end of the season. This is to avoid the players trying to force clubs to put them on the transfer list.

C. When a club places a player on the transfer list, whether voluntarily or on the request of the player, the club is free to determine whatever price it wishes to ask for the player provided that:-

(i) If the player is not sold at that price the player is entitled to be paid playing fees for the next season equal to 50% of this transfer fee.

(ii) If the player is sold at this price or any lower price, his new club shall on request by the player pay him total match fees for the season equal to 50% of the transfer fee paid for him. The player cannot claim a higher match fee.

(iii) A player placed on the transfer list may insist that he is given a transfer, if he finds a club interested in him, which is prepared to pay the club with which he is registered an amount equal to twice the amount of match fees he has received during his last season with the club, plus the signing on fees he has received for that season.

(iv) Contracts signed by players should include a clause that they will not object to the transfer fee as mentioned under (iii).

D. Clubs that seek or acquire the services of an amateur player irrespective of age, commit themselves to pay the club from which this player was registered an amount of \$500 yearly, increasing by ten percent, if at any time within three years this player registers as a non-amateur player with any Club.

I submit these proposals in rough draft for you to consider before the next S.L.M.C. meeting. Please give me a ring.

- J. VAN HOBOKEN

Depending on the crowd interest with four new teams and eight more games we could be up for maybe an added \$12,000.

"We are up for between \$1500 and \$2000 every time we play away from home without any gate income."

"I would increase the league only on the basis of the return of the Melbourne-based PSL clubs."

Ajax treasurer Langer agreed with Burin.

"To increase the league to 16 would kill off many clubs," he said.

"If you want to produce a top team you'll be looking at a minimum of about \$80,000 or \$70,000 a year in wages."

"I can play the Ajax reserve side and it would cost us only about \$300 a week but if you want success you must spend."

"An extra eight games would put at least another \$8000 on our bill."

"I would say that van Hoboken and Barclay came to the meeting just to make the league a 16-team affair."

"The motion should have been debated at length, not rushed through."

"I would have been in favour of increasing the league to 14 and invite applications for the two vacancies. I would increase the league to 16 only for the four PSL clubs."

Part of the van Hoboken proposal encompasses a set starting and finishing date for the league. The Ringwood president proposes the first week in March as a starting date and the last week in October as the finishing date. Within that time all League and cup fixtures should be completed. He suggests playing Cup games as double-headers at Olympic Park on Wednesday nights.

"It costs at least \$1800 to stage a double-header at Olympic Park and I can't see that being recouped through the gate," said Langer.

"The recent Phillips Cup quarter-final between Heidelberg and Adelaide City drew a mere 800 paying customers!"

"Once other costs are covered there's only peanuts left."

"If that game had been played on a Saturday I'm sure it could have drawn about 4000 people."

Burin would push to initiate a competition among the six clubs who weren't in favour of starting the soccer year as late as March.

"I've arranged for a sponsor for such a competition. We'd invite the four Melbourne-based PSL clubs to join the six State League clubs who want to start the soccer calendar before March to play in a Cup competition along the lines of the Ampol Cup," he said.

Another feature of the van Hoboken document is his suggestion that ethnic names be reinstated as soon as possible.

But the contentious proposals come under the heading of "How to control the transfer of Players and Payment to players."

Read these sub sections closely. It seems to me to be a series of proposals heavily weighted in favour of the clubs.

If these proposals as opposed to the players were standardised in contract form I doubt whether most of the players in the State League would be seen in Victorian soccer once their current contracts expire.

Note that no mention is made of maximum transfer fees.

And the players' wage is set at 80% of the price on his head. Amazing! Consider the ramifications.

The player is no longer wanted by his club. The club officials meet with an interested club. A bargain is struck. Both parties agree on a price. Money changes hands. Then an official announcement is made with a price named, lower than the actual transfer fee. The player is forced into accepting 80% of the officially stated transfer price as his wages with his new club.

I wonder what weight such contracts would hold in court.

Finally my views on the restructuring of the State League.

Yes, increase the State League, but in a fashion which would ensure its status as the premier league in Victoria.

While the inclusion of country clubs would give the league a truly representative State quality, what are the economic ramifications for the current member clubs?

I suggest that under such circumstances the economic outlook is gloomy.

I believe that the PSL will, at least, be regionalised after this season.

If it dissolves completely, let's welcome back the giants of Victorian soccer with open arms.

Until then let's discuss more fully the complexities of increasing the league.

Melbourne given World Cup game

From page one

The ASF wants to make sure the Socceroos win that match, just in case Fiji perform the miracle of drawing with or beating New Zealand in the Kiwis' only remaining match.

For that would leave Australia with a chance to qualify for the World Cup finals.

However, if New Zealand, as expected, beats Fiji on August 17, many more youth players will be included in the Socceroo squad for the last two matches against Taiwan on August 23 and in Indonesia on August 30.

These games, and perhaps additional matches against Hong Kong and Singapore on the same trip, would be used to help prepare the youth players for the world youth championships in October.

Australia's home game against Fiji on August 14 was to have been played at Brisbane's Perry Park, but the lights were tested for TV recently and found to be unsuitable.

The alternative ground, Lang Park, also was ruled out. Although its floodlights are strong enough, the ground was considered to be too big for the small crowd that will attend. Also the presence of advertising signs around the ground made it difficult to gain the necessary prominence for signs by the ASF's sponsor companies.

The Queensland Federation is not upset at having lost the fixture. It saw the difficulties of trying to "sell" a night match between Australia and Fiji when New Zealand already is almost certain to win the group.

It will be cheaper to stage the match at Olympic Park. Ground rental is lower, and it won't be as expensive to move the Socceroos to Melbourne as it would have been to fly them to Brisbane.

FOOTS. JUST 2 Makedonia 1

Goals: Ilioski 10th, Cullen 73rd, Milne 87th.
Venue: Schintler Reserve, Footscray.
Crowd: 5000 estimate.
Referee: Tim Davies (NSW) 7.

Cautions: Kyriakoulas, Licanin.
Sent off: Kyriakoulas.

JUST: Boland 8; Milne 7, O'Reilly 7, Kondarios 9, Kyriakoulas 7 (sent off 45th); Ilioski 6, Licanin 5 (Hazebent 50th), Kakantonia 7, Cozzella 7, Verweij 8, Lujic 8.

MAKEDONIA: Kastner 6; Rainey 6 (Faulkner 61st), McCluskey 6, McMillan 7, Boach 8; Farrell 6, Flavell 6, Boyle 6; Cullen 8, Ollerton 7, Whitte 6.

Preston coach Peter Ollerton claimed that his side was much better than Footscray and curiously threatened not to speak to any reporter who



Dick Prendergast

MATCH RATING 8

did not make such a concession.

On paper Makedonia may have the best players in the league but that still doesn't take away the fact that JUST went into this match more determined, adapted the right tactics and in the end was always the team which would end up with the points if there was going to be a winner.

Admittedly, it took a goalkeeping mistake to notch up the winner but the threat of

a goal was always much greater when JUST attacked on the break than when Preston attacked in bulk but without direction.

The winning goal was scored three minutes from the end from a harmless-looking surge by Jim Milne.

The defender made ground while looking for a player to pass the ball to but instead the space kept opening up in front of him and he let fly a speculative shot from all of 25 yards.

Lou Kastner looked like he had the situation covered but surprisingly the ball slipped through his hands into the back of the net for the type of goal that keepers have nightmares about.

Ollerton explained that the keeper had been out of the action for long periods while Makedonia was doing all the attacking but nevertheless the mistake and the goal were said Kastner will be relegated to the bench this coming week.

Until Milne's goal JUST would have been happy with a draw as it had been playing with its back to the wall with ten men following the sending-off of Kyriakoulas.

The defender had been placed at fullback by Cedo Kirkovic to mark Robbie Cullen and had been doing a reasonable job until a deliberate handling offence in the middle of the park earned him the marching orders early in the second half. He had earlier been booked for a foul and referee Tim Davies had no alternative but to show him the red card.

Kirkovic reacted by quickly replacing the largely ineffective Nebojsa Licanin in midfield with fullback Igor Hazabent to act as Cullen's second tagger.

While Cullen had been seen as Makedonia's main threat their most dangerous player turned out to be new signing Isaac Farrell, whose registration was approved before the match.

Playing in midfield Farrell put on a fighting performance covering every blade of grass, tackling and winning possession, making a number of telling passes and forcing Dennis Boland into a couple of fine saves.

Peter Boyle, also signed before the match, was not as effective but his experience will prove invaluable if Makedonia is to escape relegation.

Footscray opened the score in the 10th minute when Bruno Cozzella rode a tackle near the byeline and cut in to shoot from an angle. Kastner parried the shot but the loose ball ran to the unmarked Zoki Ilioski who made no mistake with a shot from inside the area.

The home side defended in depth against the wind in the second half, led by a dominant performance from Jim Kondarios.

The veteran defender had his best game this year, nullifying Ollerton's threat in the air and it was significant that Makedonia's equaliser stemmed from the only time Ollerton outjumped him.

The player-coach headed down a cross from the left into the path of Cullen who darted in to shoot into the net in the 73rd minute.

The two points lift Footscray to its highest standing this season in 13th place and its chances of survival must now rate slightly better than Makedonia's which seems unlikely to come out of its current slump soon because of the many unsettling changes going on at the club.

The Marconi supporters yelled for a penalty but referee Harwood would have nothing to do with it.

The second half, by comparison to the pre-break effort, was exciting.

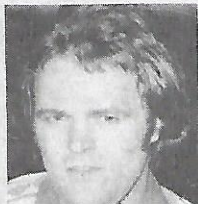
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Isaac Farrell



Peter Boyle

Sponsors wooed

ASF president Sir Arthur George has had talks with representatives of Philips Industries about the company's sponsorship of the Philips League.

The sponsorship deal expires at the end of this season. Without sponsorship to subsidise air fares, each club would have to contribute about an extra \$30,000 a year.

Alternatively, a different sponsor would have to be found.

Old firm back in business, Mariani tops

Marconi 1 Sydney City 0

Ground: Marconi Stadium.
Crowd: 6165.
Referee: B. Harwood 5.
Scorer: Mark Jankovics 50th.

Yellow cards: Henderson, Byrne, Souness, Kosmina.
Red card: Souness 62nd.

MARCONI: Maher 7, Brogan 7, Dagny 7, Henderson 6, Jankovics 7, Byrne 8, Sharne 6, Houssini 6, Krncevic 7, Mariani 9, Johnson 7.

SYDNEY CITY: Clarke 8, Mullen 7, Spanos 7, O'Connor 6, Bruce 6, Cant 7, Watson 6, Barnes 8 (Robertson 69), Boden 6, Kosmina 6, Souness 7.

This match was memorable for a number of reasons — none of which were related to the standard of soccer displayed, which was in a word, poor.

What will be remembered is that Marconi's embattled coach Paul Blanco will live to see next week's match, and the Sydney debut performance of WA referee Brian Harwood which was easily the worst seen all season.

The match started in such a lacklustre way that all in attendance must have thought they were going to have to sit through 90 minutes of boredom. This is so they could have the dubious pleasure of saying: "I saw Marconi and Sydney City draw 0-0 — What fun!"

A true indication of the first 45 minutes is that neither goalkeeper was called on to make one save under pressure with only one effective shot apiece being offered by either side.

The crowd had to wait until the 43rd minute before they had something to get excited about and this was only when Peter Sharne appeared to be away free and clear only to be brought down on the edge of the area.

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Match Rating 7

The move had 1-0 written all over it until Todd Clarke came from nowhere to punch the ball clear before being tangled in his own net.

Eddie Krncevic couldn't believe his eyes but he didn't waste time dwelling over the miss as he played a vital role in Marconi's goal only one minute later.

This move was truly a gem as it was the best of the match with the old firm of Sharne, Jankovics and Krncevic back in business for the first time in weeks.

This time it was Sharne who knocked the ball across goal for Krncevic to head down to Jankovics for the simple side footer into the back of the net.

Sydney City gave Marconi a terrible shock from the ensuing kick off when Murray Barnes missed a header by only inches off a Jimmy Cant cross.

The next sensation came only three minutes later and resulted from a storm in a teacup.

Lou Souness and Gary Byrne were having a shoulder to shoulder dance behind play when referee Harwood stepped in and showed Souness the red card. Admittedly Souness invited Byrne to dance but it was hardly worth an early shower.

Amazing things continued to happen and so no-one was greatly surprised when Murray Barnes was replaced despite having quite a reasonable game.

It was, all the same, hard to understand especially as City were down to ten men and Barnes offers so much muscle to the midfield.

With only one minute to go, City struggled for the rest of the match with Marconi's front men giving them no respite.

Goals looked almost certain in the 79th but Krncevic could not climb high enough for the header and in the 85th when Jankovics hammered straight at a defender when he had room to spare.

Despite these chances the scoreline ended at 1-0 and Marconi were more than happy with the 2 points.

For Marconi, Mariani was easily the best player especially for the way he blotted John Kosmina out of the match.

For Sydney City Todd Clarke was way out in front with saves that kept them in the match right up to the final whistle.

Tredinnick wins it



Knut Berner

Blacktown 0 Wollongong 1

Scorer: P. Tredinnick.
Ground: Gabbie Stadium.
Crowd: 2,965.
Referee: Reeves 5.

BLACKTOWN: James 7, Djordjevic 8, Pointer 7, Cuk 7, Razumovic 8, O'Donnell 7, Jones H.T. 6, Hormazabal 7, Salvage 6, Cullina 6, Burrows 9, Turner 6.

WOLLONGONG: Vardareff 9, Villa 7, Bertogno 8, de Graaf 8, Dunleavy 8, McEwen 8, Adam 6, Ainsworth 7, P. Tredinnick 8, Lathan 7, Morton 6 (Campbell H.T. 6).

A Peter Tredinnick free kick in the 78th minute gave draw specialists Wollongong City a handy 1-0 win over Blacktown City.

Referee Jim Reeves awarded the free kick to Wollongong from just outside the penalty area for a foul charge.

Midfielder Lee Adam unsuccessfully tried a placement but the Wolves were given a retake when the Blacktown defensive wall surged forward too soon.

Tredinnick bent the second attempt around the wall with the ball taking a deflection to leave the unfortunate Blacktown goalkeeper Bruce James stranded.

The win was the first shot in a big week for Wollongong in which they go on to face Sydney City at Barton Stadium tonight (Wednesday), followed by the big Newcastle clash at Home on Sunday.

Territorially, Blacktown had the better of the game but their attempts at goal were charged down by a solid Wollongong defence in which twin stopper Arno Bertogno played an outstanding role.

They sorely missed their eager right back Robert Wheatley, who was in Noumea with the Australian youth team.

Coach Rale Rasie recast his formation, giving wily Jovan Djordjevic the role of midfield distributor. Paul Burrows capably handled the front running.

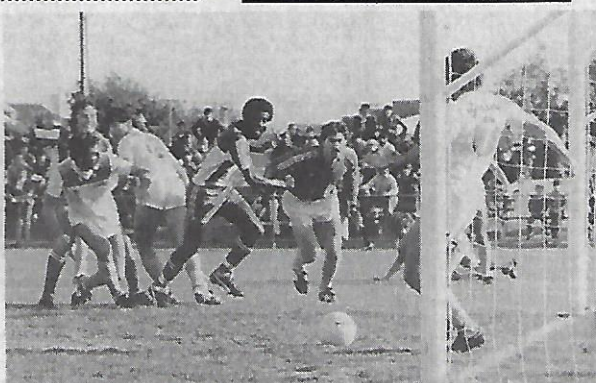
Djordjevic lifted some splendid balls into the goal area during the first half.

He made strong runs deep into Wollongong territory after the break, but fierce tackling linked with improved goalkeeping from Natch Vardareff foiled his efforts.

Blacktown's New Zealand international Brian Turner was keen to make a name for himself by scoring against his former club, but over-anxiousness to succeed proved his downfall.

Wollongong coach, Ken Morton, played the first half as a striker in a bid to dampen the effect of the Demons' famed offside trap.

The trap succeeded on a number of occasions throughout the game. Morton replaced himself with a fresh Clive Campbell in the second half.



Action in Adelaide: Canberra's Rob O'Shea kicks off the line as Manocas of West Adelaide races goalkeeper Richard Wilson to the ball. At left: Tim Brown, Mike O'Shea, John Moutopoulos. Picture by FRANK HOBBS.

Baartz puts joy into KB's game

Newcastle KB 4 APIA 1

Ground: International Sports Centre.
Weather: Fine and Sunny.
Crowd: 6850.
Cautions: H. Tredinnick (N).
Referee: Evan Venios, 8.

NEWCASTLE: Dando 8, Reaney 7, Tredinnick 7, Mason 8, Drinkwater 7, Sumner 9, Sankalski 9, Channon 8 (D. Kamasz 80th) Hays 6, Mountford 8 (Storey 57th) Jones 7.

APIA: Leichhardt: Woodhouse 7, Bradley 8, McAusland 7, Pullen 7, Hughes 6, Soper 8, Coyne 6, (Gray 7, 47th) Butler 8, Kafka 7, O'Connor 8.

Scorers: Channon (N) 10th, Sumner (N) 15th, Mountford (N) 22nd, Soper (L) 70th, Hays (N) 80th.

The presence of Mike Channon, playing his last game with Newcastle once again had an inspiring effect on the rest of the team when they handed APIA-Leichhardt a 4-1 beating.

In what was probably the best football played since the inception of the club, especially in the first half, Newcastle manoeuvred the ball about with gay abandon, interchanging between players and generally leading the normally reliable Leichhardt defence a merry dance.

It was no surprise to see the local team three goals up after 22 minutes and once again the goal they drew first blood was Mike Channon.

The game was only ten minutes old when Jones served Mountford on the left and his cross was flicked by Grahame Hays to Channon and the tall striker angled his shot perfectly away from Woodhouse with Peter Wilson finally helping the ball over the line.

That was the signal for KB to apply the pressure and in this period the midfield trio of Sumner, Sankalski, and Channon took complete control of the game with Sumner playing his best game since joining Newcastle.

It was he who elegantly stirred a floating free kick by Channon past Woodhouse for the second goal.

Joe Lanzoni



Match Rating 9

The Leichhardt defence in this period was absolutely mesmerised by the dazzling football the local team was producing and had to admit defeat a few minutes later when Sumner sent through a defence-splitting pass to Mountford for the rugged striker to score with a powerful left-foot shot.

The visitors, however, pulled themselves out of the slide and started to put some moves together.

John Coyne, tested Dando with a long shot, minutes later. It was Kafka who worked the ball well on the left but his cross was headed by Bradley straight into Dando's arms.

Just on the stroke of half time it was Newcastle that nearly were in again, in a quick counterattack, the ball went from Dando to Channon who served Mountford but his shot just missed the post.

The crowd appreciated the sparkling display by giving the local team a standing ovation at the interval.

Leichhardt tried to plug the holes at the half time break, by replacing John Coyne, with Ian Gray and that had a good effect, with Gray moving to right fullback and Hughes to the midfield.

Newcastle also were forced to make a replacement when Mountford limped off 12 minutes into the second half, Grant Storey taking his place and making his presence felt immediately with his first touch of the ball by bringing a good save from Woodhouse.

Leichhardt looked more like a team in the second half prompted by diminutive midfielder Bradley receiving good

support from Butler with O'Connor and Soper buzzing menacingly up front.

From one of these moves O'Connor hit the post with a diagonal shot from the left.

Four minutes later Soper, from a similar position brought Dando into action with a good shot, but the Newcastle keeper was up to the task.

The arrival of a Leichhardt goal was inevitable and it was Bradley who engineered it was his cross was headed on by Butler to Soper who beat Dando from close range.

Newcastle reacted strongly and David Jones worked the ball well on the left before serving Hays whose shot was saved by Woodhouse.

With 10 minutes remaining, Mike Channon who had received a knock, was replaced by Kamasz and received a standing ovation from the local crowd as he made his way to the dugout.

Newcastle proved to themselves that they are capable of scoring goals even with Channon off the field by putting the issue beyond doubt six minutes from the end.

Once again it was Sumner who squeezed a good through ball to Hays and his shot beat Woodhouse for the fourth time, going in off the post.

Leichhardt were not finished yet and with time running out, a scrimmage developed in the Newcastle goalmouth and Hughes hit the bar with a close range shot.

Newcastle's performance was remarkable. For the second time in eight days they scored four goals, a countless number of chances, and most importantly produced a rare entertaining brand of football that brings spectators through the turnstiles.

For this Ray Baartz must be complimented. He took over the side with no previous experience, under difficult circumstances and has developed his simple philosophy that to entertain, the players must first enjoy the game themselves, and this he has demonstrated in the five games he has been the Newcastle manager. Let's hope it rubs off on some other managers.



Jim Kondarios

Houseman to lure Latins

From page one

Rene Houseman was holidaying in Florida early this week, but immigration arrangements had to be completed via New York. Childs was hoping that this would not delay the deal.

"Ordinarily one of our officials would have flown over there and organised it all personally," Childs said, "but Andrew Lederer has been in hospital, Frank Lowy is in the U.K. and Harry Lakmaker was on a cruise."

Initially, the Housemans would be here for only a guest stint, until the end of the season, but the club would then negotiate for an extended stay.

Childs said that it was Houseman who contacted Ha-koah, not vice-versa, because he had learned about the club through their mutual friend. Childs sent contracts to the Housemans last Thursday.

"Rene Houseman would be the only genuine top-line world star in Australia," Childs said.

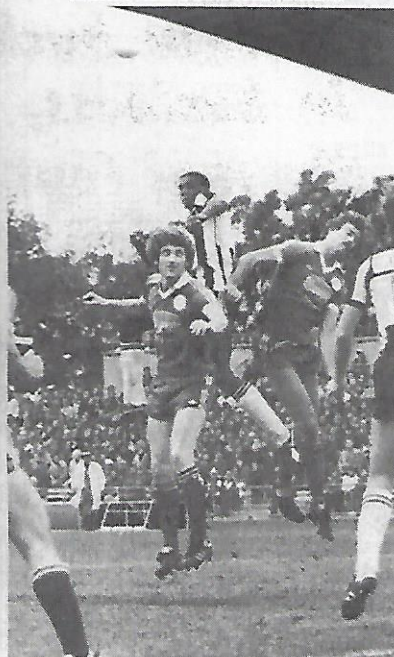
"There are 78,000 South Americans in Sydney, and we would build a publicity campaign around the Housemans in order to attract these people to our games."

"It would be good not just for Sydney City, but also for other clubs, for Houseman would draw crowds wherever he went."

Rene Houseman was born at La Banda, Santiago Del Estero, on July 19, 1953. He is 5ft. 7ins and 10st. 1 lb.

Capped almost 50 times for Argentina, he first played professionally for Defensores de Belgrano from where he switched to Huracan, which was his club at the time of the 1974 World Cup.

He then switched to River Plate.



Justin Fashanu wins a heading duel with Sydney Olympic's Andy Scott. Picture by FRANK HOBBS.

FASHANU OFF

From page one

"I took a lot of stick out there today and I've got to expect that. I can take it and I can give it back but I did nothing that deserved a send-off."

"I feel sorry for the Adelaide City boys though. It's a hard game in Melbourne at the best of times and it's even harder when you're playing with only 10 men."

"But I guess justice was served because we beat them."

Fashanu, Adelaide City's guest player from English club Norwich City, will be automatically suspended from the game against Footscray J.U.S.T. at Olympic Sports Field on Sunday.

He was playing the third of his scheduled six guest games but said in the dressing rooms after being sent off that he may stay an extra week to make up for the suspension.

Fashanu was shown the yellow card in the 19th minute because he had not retreated the required 10 yards as Tansley was taking a free kick awarded over a foul by Fashanu.

Later Fashanu and Arthur McMillan clashed behind play.

In the 38th minute Fashanu set off with the ball from midfield. Jim Campbell got in his way and crashed to the ground. Then Fashanu approached McMillan who also went down. Referee Bob Mee showed Fashanu the red card and there was uproar on the terraces as Fashanu left.

Jim Tansley was injured in a tackle on John Nyskobus in the 65th minute. Play was held up as officials went down to the dressing rooms to fetch a stretcher to carry Tansley from the field.

The exact nature of his leg injury was not known before he was taken to hospital.

He missed games earlier this year because of an injured knee.

Liam Monagle replaced Tansley with 25 minutes to go and during this period Heidelberg attacked furiously in the vain hope of forcing a draw.

However it was Adelaide City that had the better scoring chances even during this period. Sergio Melia still must be wondering how he possibly could have missed open goals in the 81st and 88th minutes.

Adelaide City went into the lead in the 10th minute when Brian Northcote goalied in a through ball from Charlie Villani.

Villani and Heidelberg's Theo Selemidis were the best players of the match.

Adelaide City increased its lead four minutes after half time.

John Nyskobus, chasing a long ball into the penalty area, was chopped down by Tansley and referee Mee awarded Adelaide City a penalty.

Nyskobus took the shot himself and scored.

But Heidelberg still would not give in. A fine pass from Selemidis set Gary Cole up for a run past defenders into the penalty area and Cole nudged the ball past keeper Jack Przybylski.

To add more sting to the attack Heidelberg coach Len McKendry replaced mid-fielder Charlie Yankos with winger Andy Bozakis who had been out for some time over a dispute with the club.

But despite its determined effort, Heidelberg failed to break through and succumb 1-2.

Brisbane Lions 2 SM-Hellas 0

Scorers - (Daunt 23rd, Latchford 61st).

Ground - Richlands.

Weather - fine.

Crowd - about 3000.

Referee - D. Nugent.

Cautions - Bennett (BL), Wooddin (SM).

BRISBANE LIONS - Lownds 9, Ponting 8, Her- miston 9, Bennett 9, Niven 8, Hogg 7, Ferris 8, McNaughton 7 (Wilson 78th), Low 7, Latchford 8, Daunt 7.

SOUTH MELBOURNE - Laumets 7, Bannan 8, Xanthopoulos 5, Rogers 6, Davidson 7, Shirra 6, Stevenson 6 (Cum-

ings 72nd), Christopoulos 8, Wooddin 6, Evans 6, Campbell 7.

South Melbourne-Hellas suffered a severe setback to their title hopes after crashing to their first away defeat, 2-0 at the hands of a most impressive Brisbane Lions.

Trailing 1-0 at half-time, Hellas disappointed most observers with their failure to haul themselves back into the match, as one would expect from this obviously classy team.

Hellas looked every inch the league leaders in the first half, as they mounted countless flowing raids, chiefly through the overlapping ability of Alan Davidson and Vince Bannan.

The forward line was extremely mobile and Steve Wooddin and George Christopoulos were willing to have a crack from any angle under any conditions.

Misses galore



Tom Anderson

MATCH RATING:

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Syd. Olympic 1
Brisb. City 1

Goals: P. Wilkinson (BC) 32nd, Powden (SO) 76th.

Venue: Pratten Park.

Crowd: 6260.

Referee: Peter Rampley 8.

Cautions: Ratcliffe (BC).

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: P. Wilson 6, Moulla 7, Ziros 9, Rowden 7, Palmer 7 - Cross 6 (Cotton 6, half time), Kathollos 6 - Laing 7, K. Wilson 7, Scott 6, Jennings 7.

BRISBANE CITY: Coe 8 - Caldwell 6, Dunne 7, Ratcliffe 7, W. Wilkinson 7 - Gaffney 6, Pimblett 6, McVaigh 7 - Palinkas 7, P. Wilkinson 8, Vincenzino 6 (Perry 80th).

The 'hit and miss' saga of Sydney Olympic continued when they had to be content with a draw with Brisbane City.

"We were happy to accept a point, because Olympic had the better of the game," said Brisbane City coach George Potter.

"We had two good chances to score but they had at least four unbelievable shots from in front. Instead of placing the ball they tried to blast it through the net," he added.

The young Olympians set the pattern from the start when Jim Zeros slipped around three defenders in the fourth minute but hit the upright with keeper Martin Coe beaten.

Six minutes later, Brisbane City had the ball in the net from a corner but the goal was disallowed because of a foul on Olympic goalkeeper Peter Wilson.

City opened the score against the run of play in the 32nd minute when they broke down the right flank and the cross was tapped away by Wilson.

It went straight to Larry Gaffney and his pass left Paul Wilkinson with a simple scoring shot in front of goal.

The second half was barely a minute old before Olympic were up to their old tricks.

Ken Wilson miskicked high over the Brisbane City goal, and Derek Laing placed the ball straight into Coe's hands.

Laing, Wilson and Graham Jennings all had chances in the next twenty minutes.

Ian Rowden levelled the scores in the 76th minute when he moved up from midfield and was in position to hammer home a Bill Palmer cross.

Olympic maintained their open style of attack and continued to push forward, but bombed at least another three chances in the last five minutes, including a clearance off the line by defender Bill Wilkinson.

Sydney Olympic president, John Constantine, said:

"They are the youngest side in the Phillips League and staged a tremendous fightback under pressure."

"I spoke to the team at half time and told them to move the ball around and score, and that's just what they did."

Kowalski to boost West

West Adel. 1
Canberra 1

Scorers: McLaren 29th (Canberra); Manecas 66th (West).

Ground: Hindmarsh Stadium.

Crowd: 3,600.

Weather: Mild.

Referee: Don Campbell (SA).

WEST ADELAIDE: Crook 8

McGregor 9, Kambas 8,

Ford 8, Evans 6, Brown 7,

Honeyman 8, Topaz 8 -

Smythe 6 (Lorenzoni 77th),

Manecas 7, Kowalski 8.

CANBERRA: Wilson 6 -

Moutsopoulos 7, Byrne 8, R.

O'Shea 7, M. O'Shea 7 -

McLaren 7, Cole 7, J. O'Shea

8 - Gibson 7, Purdie 7 (Val-

erie 71st), Brennan 8.

Peter Jaksa is still searching for that elusive win since he took over as coach at West Adelaide Hellas.

But he came close to seeing his team pick up both points against Canberra City.

Only two despairing clearances on the goalmouth prevented West from scoring at least two other goals.

The Adelaide team was the better in the first half with Shraga Topaz, Graham Honeyman, Tim Brown and Ian McGregor in fine form.

Honeyman, Topaz and Brown dominated the West midfield while McGregor gave nothing away at fullback.

Canberra's dangerous Tony Brennan gave Vic Bozanic a nightmare in the first half while Terry Byrne was a steady influence in the Canberra halves.

Brennan could have put Canberra into the lead in eighth minute his spectacular shot, aided by a strong wind, whistled inches over the crossbar.

Ian Gibson later missed a better opportunity when he put the ball past the far post after a defensive error had let him in.

Canberra had to withstand a spirited offensive from West which worked the ball into their opponents' penalty area but failed to finish off their moves.

However Manecas did come close when he poked Vic Smythe's cross past keeper Richard Wilson but not beyond Robert O'Shea who cleared it off the line.

West suffered a set back in the 29th minute when Don McLaren made use of the strong breeze with a powerful 25 metre drive which slipped just inside the far post.

It took West until the 66th minute to equalise when Manecas' cross floated into the far corner with Richard Wilson caught out of position.

Moments earlier Terry Byrne cleared a good Brown header off the line, once against exposing Wilson's weakness in the air.

Jaksa replaced winger Vic Smythe with Aldo Lorenzoni late in the first half - a move which was long overdue.

Smythe had a mediocre game and will obviously have to work a lot harder to get up to peak fitness.

He showed a tendency to hold on to the ball when a quick pass would have got him out of bother.

However, Peter Kowalski, another recent signing, again looked good as the central striker and goals should come from him soon.



Bruce Waddell

MATCH RATING

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Yet on the day they were eventually tamed by another outstanding performance from the Lions defence, with Col Bennett and goalkeeper Nigel Lownds the giants while the home side was under pressure.

Two memorable examples of the work by this pair at the back were a marvelous back-peddling save by Lownds of a clever chip by Alan Evans after George Christopoulos and Campbell had made a scin-

tilating run, and a crunching shot by Christopoulos which the tough Bennett took full force on the forehead without flinching.

The Lions goal also had a close call when Jim Hermiston went within inches of conceding an own goal as he desperately tried to clear a Davidson cross.

But after weathering the initial storm, Lions gradually wore down the leaders and the hard grafting of Steve Hogg and Bobby Ferris in the middle enabled them to overshadow their South Melbourne opponents, with the exception of the tireless Christopoulos.

Lions struck first in the 23rd minute, following a Hermiston free kick, which the South Melbourne defence failed to clear.

Hogg headed back into the danger zone, Mark McNaughton found Calvin Daunt, and the tall striker calmly stroked past Peter Laumets into the corner.

The early part of the second half was completely dominated by Lions and they could easily have added three more goals.

Bob Latchford, playing in his last match, had a memorable second half, upsetting the defence with his clever shielding, positional sense and general leadership up front.

In the first minute of the second half, he set up a chance for Daunt who fired the ball straight at Laumets from point blank range.

Latchford then put winger Craig Low through the defence and he looked like tucking the ball away until Laumets advanced quickly to smother.

A few minutes later Latchford whipped Hogg into the clear on the left. He rounded his marker and had only

Laumets to beat, but hampered over the top.

Latchford eventually scored the clinching goal in the 81st minute and Arthur Xanthopoulos will never forget it.

Paul Ontong thumped a clearance down the middle and Xanthopoulos was seemingly mesmerised as he watched the ball bounce and allowed Latchford to collect.

The Everton striker moved forward and even when surrounded by Xanthopoulos, Billy Rogers and Laumets still managed to push the ball home with ice-cool professionalism.

The game died a little as a spectacle after that, with Lions content to hold on while South Melbourne had little else to offer.

POINT TAKEN, JOHN

Hellas coach John Mergaritis blew his top after I'd written that Alan Davidson should be shifted from left back to add attacking drive to the midfield.

Margaritis says Davidson is playing too well at left back to be moved from there. Hellas does not have another left back, there is no room for Davidson in midfield as Hellas has too many midfielders already, and you don't start experimenting when you're on top of the ladder.

Anyway, the return of George Christopoulos, who played so well against J.U.S.T. and Lions has started to improve the midfield, Margaritis said.

You're the coach, John. Let's agree to disagree. — LAURIE SCHWAB

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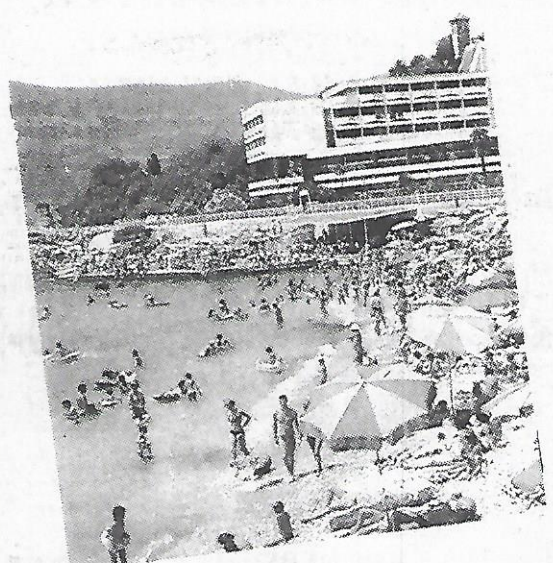


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		HOME					AWAY					Pts
		W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	
1. (2)	Adelaide C. Juventus	7	0	3	17	9	4	3	2	10	10	33:19 25
2. (1)	*Sth Melbourne Hellas	0	2	1	11	6	2	0	1	12	11	23:17 24
3. (3)**	Sydney City Hakoah	8	2	0	18	5	4	1	4	9	10	27:15 23
4. (4)	Brisbane City	7	2	0	16	2	1	5	4	8	12	22:13 23
5. (6)	Canberra City	4	3	2	17	8	4	3	3	9	7	28:15 22
6. (5)	*APIA-Leichhardt	4	3	1	13	7	4	3	3	11	12	24:19 22
7. (7)	Newcastle KB Utd	4	3	3	19	11	5	0	4	11	15	30:28 21
8. (8)	*Brisbane Lions	6	3	1	15	5	0	5	3	8	11	23:16 20
9. (9)	Wollongong	2	5	2	13	12	3	5	2	10	7	23:19 20
10. (11)	*Marconi Datsun	5	2	3	12	12	3	1	4	5	13	17:25 19
11. (10)	*Sydney Olympic	5	4	1	17	11	1	2	6	8	18	25:29 18
12. (12)	*Heidelberg-Alexander	3	2	4	10	12	2	2	5	14	19	24:31 14
13. (15)	Footscray JUST	4	4	2	14	11	0	1	8	2	23	18:34 13
14. (13)	Preston Makedonia	3	3	3	13	10	1	1	8	22	21	32:12 12
15. (14)	*Blacktown City	2	2	5	13	16	1	3	5	10	18	23:32 11
16. (16)	West Adelaide Hellas	2	2	5	9	11	1	1	8	8	22	17:33 9

* Match in hand. ** Two matches in hand

TEAM OF WEEK

In brackets — number of appearances in this team —

VARDAREFF (1)
(Wollongong)

McGREGOR (1) (West Ad.) **MARIANI (1)** (Marconi) **KONDARIOS (3)** (J.U.S.T.) **B. NYSKHOUSS (2)** (Adelaide City)

VILLANI (1) (Adelaide City) **SENKALSKI (3)** (Newcastle KB) **SUMNER (1)** (Newcastle KB)

SELEMIDIS (3) (Heidelberg) **BURROWS (3)** (Blacktown) **BRENNAN (3)** (Canberra)

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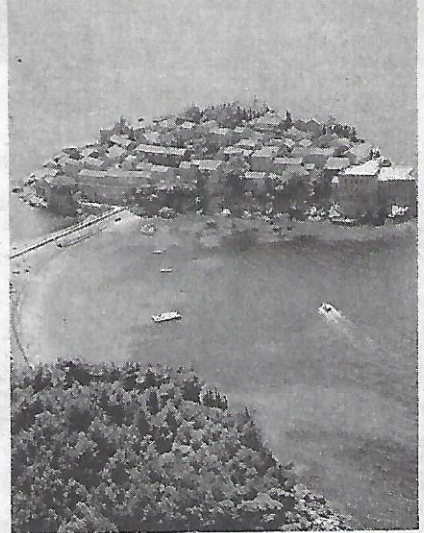
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BRISBANE LIONS 2 (Deunt, Latchford) **SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 0** at Richlands. Votes by Bruce Waddell;

6. Bennett (BL), 5. Lowndes (BL), 4. Christopoulos (SM), 3.

Ferrie (BL), 2. Bannan (SM), 1. Deunt (BL).

HEIDELBERG ALEXANDER 1 (Cole) **ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS 2** (Northcote, J. Nyakohus pen) at Olympic Park.

Votes by Laurie Schwab:

6. Villani (AC), 5. Selemidis (H), 4. B. Nyakohus (AC), 3.

Jones (AC), 2. Marocchi (AC), 1. Russell (AC).

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS 1 (Manoas) **CANBERRA CITY 1** (MacLaren) at Hindmarsh Stadium. Votes by Meno Toutaldis:

6. McGregor (WA), 5. Brennan (C), 4. Crook (WA), 3. Byrne

(C), 2. Topex (WA), 1. Honeyman (WA).

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1 (Rowden) **BRISBANE CITY 1** (P. Wilkinson) at Pratten Park. Votes by Tom Anderson:

6. Ziros (SO), 5. P. Wilkinson (BC), 4. Ratcliffe (BC), 3. W.

Wilkinson (BC), 2. Jennings (SO), 1. Leing (SO).

FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. 2 (Hooski, Milne) **PRESTON MAKE-**

DONIA 1 (Cullen) at Schintler Reserve. Votes by Dick Prendergast:

6. Kondarios (F), 5. Farrell (Mak), 4. Boland (F), 3. Cullen

(Mak), 2. Lujic (F), 1. Besch (Mak).

MARCONI 1 (Jankovics) **SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH 0** at

Marconi Stadium. Votes by Ted Smithies:

6. Mariani (Mar), 5. Clarke (SC), 4. Byrne (Mar), 3. Barnes

(SC), 2. Jankovics (Mar), 1. Mullen (SC).

BLACKTOWN 0 WOLLONGONG 1 (P. Tredinnick) at

Gable Stadium. Votes by Knut Warner:

6. Vardaref (W), 5. Burrows (B), 5. Bertogne (W), 3. Dun-

leavy (W), 2. Djordjevic (B), 1. Rasmussen (B).

NEWCASTLE KB UTD 4 (Cannon, Sumner, Mountford,

Heys) **APIA-LEICHHARDT 1** (Soper) at International Sports

Centre. Votes by Joe Lanzoni:

6. Sumner (N), 5. Sankalski (N), 4. Channon (N), 3. Bradley

(APIA), 2. O'Connor (APIA), 1. Heys (N).

Leaders:

63. Hermiston (BL)

61. Mitchell (AC)

50. Byrne (Can)

48. Bennett (BL)

45. Crook (WA)

43. Evans (SM)

42. Ontong (BL)

40. Kosmina (SC), Ziros (SO).

39. Bertogne, Dunleavy (Woll), P. Wilson, O'Connor (A-

PIA)

38. Parin (AC), Boland (Foota)

37. Burrows (Black), Ollerton (Mak), Katholos (SO).

Top scorers:

9. Boden (SC).

8. Mitchell (AC).

7. Kosmina (SC), J. Nyakohus (AC), Ollerton (Mak), P. Wil-

kinson (BC), Christopoulos (SM).

6. Evans (SM, Mountford (Newc), Cole (H'berg), Sharne

(Mar), O'Connor, Soper (APIA).

5. Barnes, Souness (SC), Cullen (Mar), Paton (H'berg),

Adam, McBreen (Woll), Koussas (SO), Gibson, Valeri (Can),

Millman (BL).

Rasic and Wallace are confident, bye-bye Marconi

Rale Rasic is confident, assertive and charismatic in public life and he'll hope to instill these qualities into his Blacktown players when they step onto Middle Park on Sunday to try to dampen the championship drive of league leader South Melbourne Hellas.

Rasic must come up with a formula to shackle a three-pronged Hellas attack featuring Steve Wooddin, Alun Evans and George Campbell.

Wooddin has a preference for playing out wide but Hellas bought him to give it the scoring bite which was lacking and it's his partnership with Evans which could decide Hellas's title hopes this year.

The small, dashing Camp-

bell has recovered from his knee operation earlier this season and is back to his dynamic best, taking on opponents out wide and making the breathtaking runs at goal which have endeared him to the army of Hellas supporters.

Alan Davidson will remember the drubbing he took when Blacktown's Jovan Djordjevic gave the Socceroo left back the run around earlier this season.

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Davidson's pride should motivate him to great heights and the classy Djordjevic will have a fight on his hands to remove his brilliant display.

Hellas drew with Blacktown in Sydney and must take two points on Sunday.

If it can't take at least three points from sides in the lower half of the table it can forget about winning this year's championship.

Marconi is in the horrors. A win against Canberra at Bruce Stadium on Sunday would be the tonic the club's morale requires.

But Canberra has different ideas and should run out the winner.

Canberra coach George Murray won't forget the two important occasions which have temporarily halted his side's drive for the title.

Against Hellas and Sydney City, Canberra was two goals up only to draw with Hellas and slump to a 3-2 defeat at the hands of the classy Sydney outfit.

Marconi won't get off so lightly on Sunday.

APIA's title tilt won't be thrown off balance by West Adelaide at Lambert Park on Sunday.

West's are doomed to relegation. Perhaps praying for regionalisation is the best bet because APIA won't show any sympathy.

APIA should be commended for sticking with coach Willie Wallace.

The team hit a low spot last year under circumstances which would have prompted lesser administrations to sack the coach.

APIA stuck by Wallace who, along with his committee, is getting the results he deserves this year.

Wollongong and Newcastle will confront each other at Wollongong Showgrounds on Sunday under a cup atmosphere.

The pride of these rival cities is at stake. Under caretaker coach Ray Baartz KB has revived the flagging spirit

which characterised its mid-season slump.

Wollongong set the PSL world alight during the first half of the season but has faltered recently.

Yet coach Ken Morton must be proud of his achievement in Wollongong's first PSL year. The club's status is intact and it has proved itself a worthy member of the best league in the land.

But the locals may have to be content with a draw against KB on Sunday.

Sydney City for the title. That was what City coach Eddie Thomson told me at the start of the year.

Actually City must be one of the most boring sides in Australia because every time you pick up a paper to look at the PSL table you can bet your bottom dollar on the Slickers being in the top four.

Consistency is the keynote to Sydney City's success.

Sydney Olympic will know what consistency is all about by 5pm on Sunday evening at the Sydney Athletic Field.

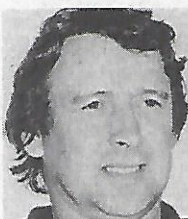
Preston Makedonia's caretaker player-coach Peter Ollerton will be expecting a win against Brisbane Lions at Connor Reserve on Sunday but I can't see the locals breaking down the defensive discipline of one of the best defences in Australia.

Even with Ollerton, Rob Cullen and Alan Whittle firing on all cylinders and supported by their midfielders they'll find Paul Ontong, Jim Hermitson, Col Bennett and Alan Niven thoroughly uncompromising and mean in respect of how much they give away.

I'm going for a draw.

If Adelaide City can't beat Footscray JUST at Olympic Sports Field on Sunday then Bob D'Ottavi can forget about bringing the PSL title back to Adelaide for the second time since the inception of the league in 1977.

Justin Fashanu, City's guest player from English club Norwich City, will be a marked man throughout his guest



Willie Wallace

stint. He'll have to find a path through a five man defence with Kyri Kyriakoulas and Jim Kondarios playing in the central defensive position. I wouldn't be surprised to see Kyriakoulas spending all his time at Fashanu's side.

Even with JUST hell bent on survival here I expect the locals to have enough flair, skill and imagination to break through.

Len Mckendry probably has nightmares about the last time he visited Brisbane City's ground and flew back to Melbourne disillusioned with the 7-4 hammering dished out to Heidelberg.

Nothing went right for the Bergers that day but it's hard to envisage a repeat performance on Sunday at Spencer Park.

I think Heidelberg can turn the tables on City and come away with both points.

I'll stick by my belief that Gary Cole and Jamie Paton will rekindle the bite of their partnership up front.

PSL clubs push VSF for change

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Pressure is mounting for a review of the VSF rule which severely limits the movement of PSL players within their own clubs.

At the moment the PSL clubs field their second-string teams in the Victorian Second Division.

Ideally, the clubs should be able to field surplus players from their senior squad in their Second Division teams.

However, to do so, the players need an official VSF transfer and if they then return to their PSL team, they can't go back down to the Second Division again for the rest of the year.

The rule was formulated to prevent PSL clubs gaining an unfair advantage over the other Second Division clubs by using a heavy PSL content to win the Second Division championship.

But the rule doesn't work.

If an unscrupulous PSL club wanted to gain such an unfair advantage, it still could do so.

Suppose its PSL team is about mid-way up the table, neither able to win the championship, nor be relegated. Its Second Division team is lying within striking distance of the leaders, so the bulk of the PSL players are transferred to the Second Division team, and the Second Division players are moved into the PSL to provide them with experience.

The club goes on to win the Second Division championship, and the young players get a taste of PSL glamour.

So, the VSF rule has failed in its objective.

It would be much more effective if it were modified. We suggest, for example, that each club should be permitted to use a maximum of say, three of four PSL players in its Second Division team. This would guard against "stacking" of Second Division sides and also enable PSL clubs to give a run to senior squad players not required for the senior game.

After all, the relationship between the PSL sides and their "reserves" should be no different to that between VSF senior and reserve teams.

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IN MELBOURNE
SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS v Blacktown at Middle Park, Sunday, 3 pm. Previous results: 1980 - Hellas 5-0, 3-0.1981 - 2-2.

Preston Makedonia v Brisbane Lions (draw) at Connor Reserve, Sunday, 3 pm. Previous result: 1981 - Lions 2-1.

IN SYDNEY
APIA LEICHHARDT v West Adelaide at Lambert Park, Sunday, 3 pm. Previous results: 1979 - WA 3-1, 1-0.1980 - APIA 4-0, 2-0.1981 - APIA 2-1.

SYDNEY CITY v Sydney Olympic at Sydney Athletic Field, Sunday, 3 pm. Previous results: 1977 - S. City 2-0, 2-2.1978 - S. City 5-0, 2-0.1979 - SO 4-3, S. City 1-0.1981 - 2-2. Advantage Sydney City 4 wins, 2 draws, 1 loss. Goals: 17-8.

SYDNEY CITY v Wollongong at Barton Stadium, Wednesday (tonight), 8 pm. Deferred from round 13.

IN WOLLONGONG
Wollongong v Newcastle (draw) at Wollongong Showgrounds, Sunday, 3 pm. Previous result: 1981 - 1-1.

IN ADELAIDE
ADELAIDE CITY v Footscray J.U.S.T. at Olympic Sports Field, Sunday, 2.30pm. Previous results: 1977 - AC 4-1, 4-3.1978 - AC 1-0, J.U.S.T. 1-0.1979 - AC 2-0, J.U.S.T. 2-1.1980 - AC 4-1, 3-1.1981 - 1-1. Advantage Adelaide City 6 wins, 1 draw, 2 losses. Goals: 20-11.

IN BRISBANE
Brisbane City v HEIDELBERG at Spencer Park, Sunday, 3 pm. Previous results: 1977 - Heid 3-2, 1-1.1978 - Heid 1-0, 1-1.1979 - BC 3-1, 0-0.1980 - BC 7-0, Heid 3-1.1981 - Heid 2-0. Advantage Heidelberg 4 wins, 3 draws, 2 losses. Goals: 12-15.

IN CANBERRA
CANBERRA v Marconi at Bruce Stadium, Sunday, 3 pm. Previous results: 1977 - Canb 1-0, 0-0.1978 - Marc 2-0, 0-0.1979 - Canb 3-1, 1-1.1980 - Marc 3-2, 1-0.1981 - Canb 2-0. No advantage. Goal advantage Canberra 9-8.

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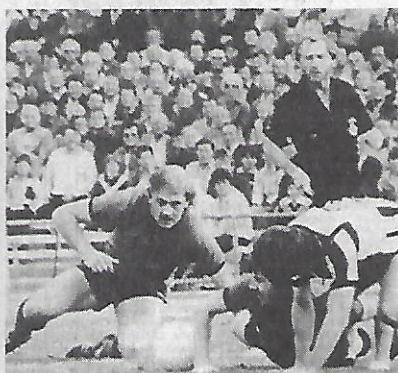
The "Soccer Action" goalkeeper of the year will receive a Seiko watch from Konstantine Jewel Box, Melbourne.

The winner will be the goalkeeper who has appeared most often in the "Soccer Action" team of the week.

This week's top goalkeeper is NATCH VARDAREFF of Wollongong.



Footscray JUST stopper Kyri Kyriakoulas will have to make desperate clearances like these if he is to stop Adelaide City's Justin Fashanu on Sunday.



Makedonia player-coach Peter Ollerton (left) tries to get to the ball ahead of Adelaide City's Buggy Nyskohus. Makedonia stopper John Higham is the sandwich in the middle.



Mike Clarey (left) in the halcyon days of PSL soccer with Mooroolbark. Heidelberg United's Bob Provan challenges.

KOKOSKA IN FULL COMMAND

CROATIA 2 (Kokoska, Andrews) CROYDON 0

CROATIA: Blasby 7 - Short 7 (Ing. Batnovic 80th.), Kokoska 9, Benson 5, Ellsner 7 - Andrews 6, Adams 7, Murray 7 - Mitten 5, Gilder 7, Brown 7.
CROYDON: Keogh 6 - Brown 7, Pompho 7, McCombe 7, Hobson 6 - Spink 7, Smith 6, Howarth 7, Wassell 7 - Wright 6, Wade 7.

"Butch" Kokoska had a ball against tentative Croydon on Sunday.

The tall Croatia central defender won everything in the air, opened the scoring and generally did as he pleased. His opponent, Bob Wright found Kokoska impassable. To be fair to Wright he often was



the focal point of a Croydon attack which lacked flair, decisiveness and bite.

From the outset Croydon's intention to contain Croatia was evident.

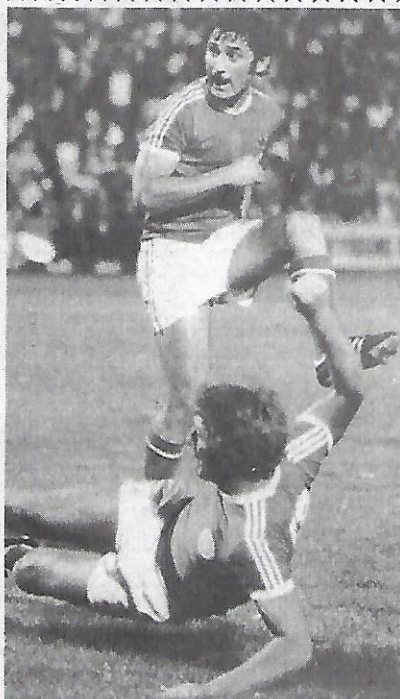
Kim Wassell played deep leaving Wright and Paul Wade alone up front. Wade often came deep too. Indeed it took the visitors to Olympic Park until the 88th. minute to create their solitary clear cut chance for the full 90 minutes. Even then Duncan Smith hammered his shot from 10 metres over the bar.

Croydon started as if the loss of the Loughnane brothers, Ian and Peter, both suspended, weighed heavily on its mind.

Croatia took 10 minutes to hit the front. Ken Murphy's corner was touched past the far post by Sean Keogh as players pushed and jostled around the edge of the six yard box. Keith Adams stole in and drove the ball low, back across the face of goal. Kokoska couldn't miss from point blank range. He sidefooted in first time.

Croatia's second half goal ended the contest.

A high ball into the area was headed on by Noel Mitten, trying to set up Carl Gilder. Steve McCombe intercepted and headed away but straight to Mitten. The quick thinking Croatia striker glanced the ball first time into Howard Andrews' path. He shot under Keogh's body from 12 metres.



"Butch" Kokoska heads goalward. Croatia team mate Carl Gilder has slipped in front of him.



Gary Greenwald

Jim McLaughlin

Referee reverses Luyten send-off

RINGWOOD 1 (Sinclair) DOVETON 1 (McLaughlin)

RINGWOOD: Fearn 6 - Pasman 8 (Inf. Malt. 80th.), Luyten 6, Greenwald 7, Veriers 7 - Dixon 7, Brooks 7, O'Callaghan 8, O'Riley 7 - Sinclair 6, Green 8.
DOVETON: Ivanoff 7 - Thurlow 7, Merrick 7, Corke 7, Porter 7 (McConville 85th.) - McIvor 6, Bentley 6, Quin 8 - Charlie 6, McLaughlin 6, Irvine 6.

John Luyten almost was sent-off in the second half. The referee produced the red card for a Luyten foul on Steve Irvine and amid hectic scenes with five Ringwood players arguing with the referee and coach Mike de Bruyckere going onto the pitch to try to take Luyten off with a minimum fuss, the referee realised his mistake, replaced the red card and out came a yellow. Much to Luyten and Wilhelm's relief.

The game came to life in the

80th. minute when Ian Greener drew the Doveton back four across then slotted the ball in behind the defence for Brian Sinclair to put the home side one up.

Five minutes later the draw specialists of the league struck back.

Alan Quin was having a fine game and he played the ball wide to Mike McIvor on Doveton's right. McIvor crossed to the incoming Gordon Bentley who chipped down then volleyed the ball straight at Les Fearn. The ball cannoned off Fearn's chest to Jim McLaughlin following up and the Doves had kept their unbeaten record intact.

Clarey is back Wojtek hits 3

The Victorian Leagues

Mike Clarey, one of the stars of Mooroolbark's brief PSL career, rejoined his former club last week for \$1000 from Hakoah.

Clarey made his mark as a sharpshooter in the State League with Hakoah. He was the leading scorer in 1970 with 16 goals to his credit.

Then he transferred to Mooroolbark where he formed an attacking partnership with current Hakoah player Graham French.

He joins former Mooroolbark team mate Ian Williamson, now player-coach of the Barkers who are heading the First Division of the Provisional League.

Mooroolbark is in the throes of a rejuvenation process stimulated by Williamson and given impetus by Datakey, the club's major sponsor.

FIRST DIVISION
MORELAND 0 BOX HILL 2 (Valentine 30 min., Lawler 72 min.)

MORELAND: Debeljak, McDonald, Fenecher, (Harrill M.T.), Oates, Black, Lewis, Monaghan, Dorrard, Paola, Nadolin, Constantinou.

BOX HILL: Morgan, Petterson, Brownlie, Rae, Singleton, Rodhouse, White, (McLeod 82 min.), Macleod, Valentine, Darlington, Lawler.

In a fiercely contested game at Campbell Reserve on Saturday, a goal in each half was enough to keep Box Hill in second position in the league.

Hillmen's boss Bill Murray was delighted with the forward way his lads clinched their ninth victory for the season.

Murray purred: "Moreland did not make it easy for us. We have proved we can compete in a physical game. They won't come any harder than this."

Box Hill took control of the game early, but with Moreland

zealously disputing every ball, it was not until the 30th minute that they opened their account. Donovan Lawler cleverly beat Oates and McDonald on the left, and crossed the ball into the goalmouth for Mike Valentine to score with a spectacular diving header, which gave Debeljak no chance.

The Hillmen kept pressing forward but were unable to add to the score due mainly to fine defensive work by Black, and Lewis, though only a desperate clearance by Oates kept Ian Darlington out just before half-time.

Moreland made only sporadic attacks, but Constantinou, well supported by Paola and Nadolin, still managed to find enough space to pose a threat when the ball ran his way.

Archie Campbell, Moreland's coach, reshuffled his pack in the second half, replacing left back Ian Ferrier with front runner Tony Hamill.

Hamill was quick to prove a danger, first setting up Constantinou with an opportunity to test Graham Morgan with a powerful drive, and moments later ghosting in on the blind side only to be foiled by a superb saving from the Hillmen's veteran keeper.

In the 22nd. minute Valentine won a heading duel in mid-field knocking the ball wide to Ian Macleod on the left touchline. The little midfielder hit a glorious first time cross, angled to the far corner of Moreland's penalty area, for Lawler, racing in from the right, to rifle home a right foot volley from 29 yards.

WESTERN SUBURBS 3 (Wojtek) MORWELL FALCONS 2 (Walker, Ford).

SUBURBS: Mitandis, Kyritidis, Glykkelamoo, Karapetosa, Dagla - McCarthy, Moore, Wojtek (Inf. (Dinovski) - Sagi, Klarin, Theodoridis (Kupiez).

West: Western Suburbs: Wojtek, Karapetosa, Kyritidis.

It was a gutsy effort by Western Suburbs to win this important match.

Although they should have been three up in the first half, Suburbs went in with a score-line at 1-1.

Segi and Klarin missed easy chances, but captain-coach Billy Wojtek was in fine form and drove Suburbs constantly forward. He scored the first goal after he played a cross with Theodoridis in the box.

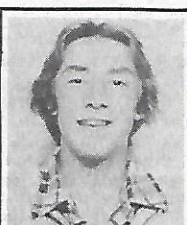
A bad pass back by McCarthy gave the Falcons a corner and Steve Walker, standing on the far post, scored the equaliser.

Suburbs opened the second half in an all-or-nothing fashion, but after only five minutes of this half they were trailing 1-2.

Ford's shot from outside the box somehow went through Mitandis' hands and over the line.

Western Suburbs came back, after Kyritidis was fouled in the box and Wojtek converted the penalty, sending the keeper the wrong way.

The third goal came after a long throw by Steve Moore found the head of Kupiez who flicked the ball across the goal where Wojtek ran in and shot high into the net.



Junior of the week

Our Buffalo sports junior of the week is Anthony Suic, who started playing for Nunawading City in 1972 as an under 7. Anthony (pictured) has played more than 200 games.

Also he won the most constant player for his age in 1975 and again in 1979. He has played most of his football as a full back.

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METROPOLITAN LEAGUE
DIVISION I: Saturday: ALBION ROVERS v Moreland, Box Hill v Western Suburbs (Irraw), MORWELL FALCONS v Altona Gate, New Park Rangers v Polonia (Irraw).
Sunday: SAVIA v Knox City, Richmond v Keller Azzurri (Irraw).
DIVISION II: Saturday: Dandenong City v FOOTSCRAY JUST, Heidelberg United v V&A, VERLEY CITY, FRANKTON PINES v Preston, Maladonia, DONCASTER ROVERS v Arden, Melbourne v Footscray (Irraw), SOUTH MELBOURNE v Springvale City.
DIVISION III: Saturday: ELTHAM v Caris, PRANRAN CITY v Colong, ST ALBANS v Ringwood United, Port Melbourne v Yallourn (Irraw), BELL PARK v Broadmeadows City, WERRIBEE v Heidelberg.
DIVISION IV: Saturday: KEYSBOROUGH v Mooroolbark City, Farnes Gully v BRIGHTON.

CHALSA v NUNAWADING CITY, SUNBURY UNITED v Mooroolbark, SANDRINGERHAM CITY v Mooroolbark, ROYAL PARK v North Dandenong.
PROVISIONAL LEAGUE
DIVISION I: Saturday: SOUTH DAKOTA v Extension City, Mooroolbark v Rosebud, HANLYN RANGERS v Malaga, NOTHAM UNITED v Geelong, THOMASTOWN v Carlton, GREENSBOROUGH v Caulfield City.
DIVISION II: Saturday: HAWTHORN v Laker United, Leppington v BULLARAT, HAWTHORN CITIZENS v South Yarra, SHEPPARTON CITY v Nunawading United, KARINGALL UNITED v North Garingall, EAST BRUNSWICK v Clayton.
DIVISION III: Saturday: MORIALDC v Regent, ROSANNA v Boronia, MUE UNITED v Yarraville, KYNTON v University of Melbourne, CLIFTON HILL v Bulwer, WEST MELBOURNE v Berwick City.

USTRALIAN LEAGUE
DIVISION I: Sunday: Monna Ponds v MALVERN CITY, MONULU v Burnley, CENTRAL CITY v Mitcham United, CHELTENHAM v South Dandenong, Abbotsford Town v PESTEL INSTITUTE, Altona United v BRUNSWICK CITY.
DIVISION II: Sunday: WEST GEELONG v Pascoe Vale, WEST BRUNSWICK v North Melbourne, NORTH SUNSHINE v Hampton Wanderers, EAST CARLTON v Central Brunswick, VERMONT v Ascot United.
DIVISION III: Sunday: Port United v BALCALVA, SEAFORD UNITED v Seaford, Parkmore v CRANBURN, MURRUMBIDGEN UNITED v Eastern United, SPRINGVALE UNITED v Diamond Creek.
CENTRAL AMATEUR LEAGUE
DIVISION I: Sunday: Meadow Park v MACCARTHY HANCIAN, BRUNSWICK v West United, Melbourne Uni. Amateurs v BALWYN CITY, EDOUARD.

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SOUTH/EAST DIVISION: Sunday: Springvale City v FRANKTON PINES "A", Frankston Pines "B" v MORRISLEIGH, Farnes Gully v DANDENONG CITY.
NORTH/WEST DIVISION: Sunday: BROADMEADOWS CITY v Green Gully, GEORGE CROSS v Northerly City, Footscray v ESTERSON CROATIA.
CENTRAL DIVISION: Sunday: DOVETON v Greenborough, BRIGHTON v St Kilda Hakoah.
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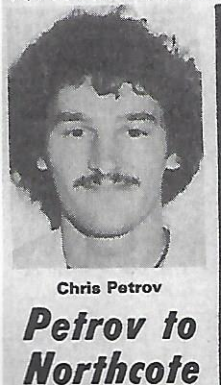
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Chris Petrov

Petrov to Northcote

HAKOAH 2 (McClunie, French) **NORTHCOTE 2** (Vasic, Tsetos)

HAKOAH: Fryer 6 - Dosen 7, Jordanou 6, Hannah 7, Rooney 6, Gadsby 7, French 8, McNeil 7 (Thomson 75th), Kent 8 - Webster 6, McClunie 7.

NORTHCOTE: Tachiris 8 - Petrakos 6, Nelson 8, Kriete 7, Mousas 6 - Fakos 6, Rogers 7, Petrov 8, Tsetos 6 - Sahinidis 6, Vasic 6.

Northcote bought Chris Petrov from Footscray J.U.S.T. for \$1000 on the Friday before this game but it was Hakoah which showed the flair, skill and imagination to take the game to the North-erners but fitter away many chances.

Northcote keeper "Rocky" Tachiris was in fine form but Richie McClunie, Graham French and Stan Webster wasted Hakoah's good build-ups by poor finishing.

Hakoah probably played some of its best soccer of the season but it was Northcote which sent the home side reeling with two goals within two minutes during the second half.

Sakis Sahinidis won possession from Tachiris's lone kick out in the 65th minute. Sahinidis played the ball to Dragan Vasic who caught Mike Fryser too far off his line with well judged lob.

Two minutes later Anton Dosen played the ball to Ian McNeil with Spiro Tsetos bearing down upon the Hakoah midfielder. There was no call to McNeil who was robbed by Tsetos. The bulky Northcote striker strode toward goal and slotted the ball past Fryser.

Hakoah struck back in the 78th minute. McClunie got onto the end of a Kent cross, rounded a defender then gave Tachiris no chance.

French finally salvaged a point for Hakoah in the 85th minute when he made a fine run starting from 15 metres inside Hakoah's attacking half. He beat two players down the right, cut in to goal and shot truly from 15 metres.

Bannon's the best



Every week "Soccer Action" nominates a State League Player of the Week who wins a dinner for two at Leo's Restaurant, 55 Fitzroy Street, St. Kilda.

The winner can pick up his ticket from "Soccer Action", 603 Little Lonsdale Street.

This week's winner is George Cross's answer to Superman, GED BANNON.

TEAM OF THE WEEK

TACHIRIS (N'Cote)		
STEWART (F'ton)	KOKOSKA (Croatia)	CANNELL G. BENNETT (Ajax)
HOGBEN (Ajax)	FRENCH (Hakoah)	G. BANNON (G. Cross)
SINCLAIR (R'wood)	MITTEN (Croatia)	QUIN (D'ton)

SUNSHINE OUTSHONE

AJAX 3 (Greechan, McLeod, A. Bennett) **SUNSHINE 1** (Bain)

AJAX: Denys 7 - Lewis 7, Gardiner 8, Cannel 9, G. Bennett 8 - Greechan 7, Hogben 8, A. Bennett 7, Vassallo 8 - McLeod 7, Wallace 7.

SUNSHINE: Contini 5 - Dixey 6, Ellis 6, Lowe 7, Morovic 8 - Taylor 6, Nelson 8 (Campbell 85th), Laing 6 - McRobert 5 (Mudrinic 85th), Peto 6, Bain 6.

Ajax outplayed, out-thought and outshone Sunshine at Green Gully Reserve on Sunday.

"It was a non-event," said Sunshine coach Jim McIntyre.

"Ajax was too good for us and our players lacked urgency and commitment."

A Gordon Wallace cross in the 15th minute started the Ajax rampage. Kit Greechan's looping header hit the inside of the upright and bounced into goal.

But Sunshine hit back 10 minutes later from a free kick which was headed clear to Roger Bain whose first time

volley from 12 metres flashed past Lou Denys.

Five minutes from half time a terrible mix-up involving Alan Contini and Steve Ellis set-up Gus McLeod for a simple goal.

Contini came out as Ellis looked ready to clear a long through ball. Wallace got a touch to McLeod. With Contini stranded the bustling Ajax striker slotted the ball into the unguarded goal.

Alan Bennett's second half goal really was special.

The Scot gained possession from a delicately glanced header by Wallace. Wallace and McLeod made runs, taking Ellis and Dennis Morovic with them. Bennett headed for goal and from about 20 metres let fly with a spectacular shot which rocketed the ball into the top corner.

Frankston signed deposed Morwell Falcons player-coach Sandy Irvine for \$700.

Irvine was signed by the Baysiders in 1976 from Juventus for \$450 then sold to Falcons in 1978 for \$250.

The Centenary Park Camels opened the scoring in the 15th minute.

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Two minutes later Cross levelled.

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THE BAYSIDERS MUST COME OUT FIGHTING

Victorian State League with CRAIG MACKENZIE

Frankston City's relegation fears shouldn't ease after it travels to Croydon Park on Sunday to take on the home side smarting from its crucial 2-0 loss to Croatia.

Remember when the Baysiders were pipped at the post for the State League championship and lost the Dockerty Cup final to Croatia? It was only two years ago. Unfortunately for Frankston the reality it now confronts appears grim.

Following the club's success in 1979 the first team was decimated by transfers.

Last year's side however fought tooth and nail for every point. It's commitment was magnificent.

Now the 1980 side is in tatters with eight of last year's regulars transferring to other clubs.

Now Frankston lies third last on the league ladder.

While the massive debt incurred by Frankston over the past couple of years has been reduced another major loss is staring the club in the face.

And that's the loss of character from the side.

I've listened to criticism about the playing ability of many players who have left Frankston this year but what they may have lacked in skill or fitness they more than made up for with heart and endeavour. There was a comradeship in the 1980 side which carried the club into the top half of the table and kept it there.

Everyone worked for each other. That's the big difference between this year's side and the 1980 outfit. And whether or not the commitment of the past can be rekindled will decide whether Frankston's State League status remains intact.

Indeed the future of the club could be at stake.

George Cross hopes to have U.K. imports Terry Kent and Hugh McCann here in time for Saturday's clash with Ringwood at Chaplin Reserve.

Ringwood Wilhelmnia is one of three sides trying to claw their way clear of second last spot on the table.

Wilhelmnia should come to Chaplin Reserve looking for a point and hoping that the Cross slip up.

I think Cross will win.

Doveton can expect a torrid time from Hakoah when they meet at Waratah Reserve on Sunday.

Graham French is back from suspension and played well against Northcote last weekend. And Chris Kent is showing something of his old self, taking men on and centring pin point crosses for striker Richie McClunie.

Doveton coach Danny McMinimie is in hospital recovering from a leg operation as a result of an industrial accident.

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I believe that the irrepressible McMinimie wants to get back in action as soon as possible. I was told that he picked last weekend's side from his hospital bed!

I don't think McMinimie will have too much to worry about on Sunday. Doveton's consistency will prevail and its ninth draw in 13 games should result.

Ajax and Croatia continue their neck-and-neck struggle for top spot against Northcote and Altona respectively.

It's hard to see Northcote keeping Ajax out at John Cain Reserve on Saturday.

Gordon Wallace is a quality player and Alan Bennett should start to show his worth after getting in.

I can't see Altona stopping Croatia's winning habit at Kim Reserve on Sunday.

Then again I recall saying Altona can't win quite a few times before. Much to my embarrassment.

Although Altona drew with Croatia earlier in the season and has more quality and depth in its first team now there still looks to be a substantial class difference between Altona and Croatia.

With no certainty I'll go for Croatia.

Sunshine has to get back on the winning trail against Juventus at Chaplin Reserve on Sunday.

The Shiners won't be helped by the state of the pitch which has been poor in recent weeks and will be worse after Cross and Ringwood churn it up on Saturday.

I know that much has been written about Juve's plight and coach Tony Boggi is confident that the club can escape relegation. I don't share Tony's confidence.

Sunshine should keep Juve near the foot of the table.

Even against Juve newcomer Stuart Cunningham who was expected to be signed from Preston Makedonia as we went to press.

Apparently Juve also hopes to bring two players here from overseas. Get them out quickly Tony!

GEORGE CROSS V Ringwood at Chaplin Reserve, Saturday, 2.45 pm.

Doveton V Hakoah (draw) at Waratah Reserve, Sunday, 3 pm.

Northcote V AJAX at John Cain Reserve, Sunday, 3 pm.

SUNSHINE V Juventus at Chaplin Reserve, Sunday, 3 pm.

CROYDON V Frankston at Croydon Park, Sunday, 3 pm.

Altona V CROATIA at Kim Reserve Sunday, 3 pm.

Sandy Irvine back at Frankston

FRANKSTON 1 (Burroughs) **GEORGE CROSS 2** (Toal, Farmer)

FRANKSTON: Gilbert 7 - Thomson 5, Stewart 8, Adams 6, Gillespie 5 (Pryde 70th), Holford 6, Irvine 7, Leabird 6 - Buchanan 6, Egan 7, Burroughs 6 (Campbell 75th).

GEORGE CROSS: Gay 6 - Morgan 7, Matland 7, Williams 7, McKinley 7 - Rigby 6, E. Bannon 8, Farmer 8 - Gamblin 6, Toal 7, Mizzi 6.



was following in to hammer home.

Carl Holford "sold" Cross's winner in the 38th minute.

Holford failed to trap a cross into the area and Brendan Farmer, having his best

game for Cross since signing from Altona earlier in the season, snuck in behind Holford and put paid to Frankston's hopes from the edge of the six yard box.

But Cross could have notched another two goals in this half.

Gilbert made a point blank save from Toal and Ray Mizzi shot straight at the young Frankston keeper from dead in front.

Ametco Travel award

Ametco Travel's State League Player of the Year will win a return trip to Spain, tickets to World Cup games including the semi-finals and final, travel to and from the grounds and hotel accommodation including dinner, bed and breakfast. The total value of the Ametco Travel award is in excess of \$3500.

This week's votes:
HAKOAH V NORTHCOTE
3 - Tachiris (N)
2 - French (H)
1 - Kent (H)

FRANKSTON V GEORGE CROSS
3 - G. Bannon (GC)

2 - Stewart (F)
1 - Farmer (GC)
CROATIA V CROYDON
3 - Kokoska (C)
2 - Mitten (C)
1 - Andrews (C)

AJAX V SUNSHINE
3 - Cannel (A)
2 - Hogben (A)
1 - G. Bennett (A)

RINGWOOD V DOVETON
3 - Sinclair (R)
2 - Quin (D)
1 - Greener (R)
Progressive votes:
16 - French (H)
15 - P. Bannon (C)
14 - G. Bannon (GC), Cannel (GGA)

McLeod a threat

General Tourist sponsors our State League Top Scorer award. The winner receives a return trip for two to New Zealand. Leading scorers are:

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9 - McLeod (GGA)
8 - Mitten (C)
7 - Pate (S), Sahinidis (N)

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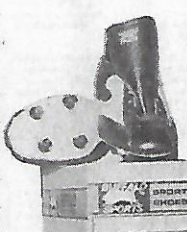
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The Canberra Nomads were established as a soccer club in early 1981 to compete in the fourth division of the Canberra League in the ACT. Most of the players are Aboriginals and they are currently boosting their membership on the basis of the fact that they could have been well in front in terms of numbers on the premiership table but they have not been for a number of injuries to key players. Most members of the club are young people who have had experience at other clubs. Two members of the playing staff are John Warren, former captain of the Soccaros, and a past member of the soccer fraternity, and ex Pan-Hellenic captain and just president of Canberra City, Charles Perkins. The club hopes to establish in the near future, along with other Aboriginal organisations, an intertribal soccer club.



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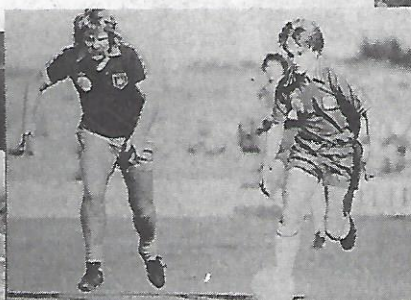
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